

The merry rejoicing at Christmas, celebrating the Birth of Christ, seeks to recapture the glory and wonder of the Nativity. People everywhere come together in warmth and goodwill, recalling the Source of the Spirit that binds them together.

Although Christmas is celebrated all over the world, it is not really known whether or not Jesus, as a boy, every had a birthday party. Jews, of His time did not celebrate birthdays. . . such observances were for kings and other important people, who live in palaces. With or without birthday parties, Jesus had an enchanted childhood, so say the legends.

One such story says He made mud-pie birds one rainy day, and as He finished them they flew away. For having bowed down to give its fruit to His Holy Mother, Jesus rewarded a palm tree by having a cutting of it planted in Paradise.

The magic of Christmas is happily contagious, transforming the world in an atmosphere of brotherhood and anticipation. Its magic brings families together, inspires a spirit of generosity and giving, and fills the heart with a heady lightheartedness long remembered from one's childhood.

For it is in childhood that the magic of the Yuletide is felt most keenly. The air quivers with excitement and the promise of things to come. Pungent smells fill the house and little ones can hardly sleep, for listening to the furtive sounds of mom and dad tiptoeing and whispering and wrapping, far into the night.

An old French proverb says "Miracles happen only to those who believe in them." Surely, we can all believe! Surely we can reinforce our faith in miracles!

May all of our readers find the joys of childhood as we celebrate this Christmas season. Christmas is not just for children but for all who have the simple faith of children.

And speaking of children, we found the following story amusing:

Many schools have been using a typewriter-like device that helps teach youngsters to read. When the child pushes down a certain key, say an "E," the machine displays an "E" and also pronounces it aloud.

But in one test, after the kids were used to the gadget, teachers tried making it give wrong answers to see what would happen.

A bright little girl sat down to her lesson and confidently pushed the "A" key. The machine said "C." The child frowned and pushed the "A" key again. "C" repeated the machine.

With that, she got up and gave the machine a good swift kick.

The unseen teacher, who was operating the machine, quickly set the device aright to prevent another attack and the girl sat down and firmly pushed the "A" key again.

"A" replied the machine.

The little girl beamed her approval. "That's right machine," she said. "Now, I'm going to press another key and this time I expect you to get it right the first time — so pay attention."

This only goes to prove that some people are born with the knack of handling machinery.

We hope that after the rush of the holiday season is over that more of you will find time to attend more of the basketball games being played by our high school teams. Both the boys and girls have good teams this year that deserve the support of more fans.

We do not know whether it is our success at football the past few years or what, but basketball has not drawn the support here that it once did. And, it cannot be blamed on any lack of success on the part of

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Wishing you a heavenly Christmas,
splendid with love and shining hours.
At this most beautiful of seasons
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may every happiness be yours!

THE HAMLIN HERALD

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Pipers Take Championship At Aspermont Tournament

The Hamlin boys basketball team captured their second tournament championship this past weekend, winning the annual Aspermont Invitational Tournament. The local girls brought home the third place trophy in the same tournament.

The boys defeated Aspermont in the finals to win the championship, 58-50 with Delbert Thompson scoring 22 points for high point honors. The girls took third place with a 59-36 win over Rule with Elizabeth Hooper scoring 33 points.

Both teams opened up the tourney with wins over Haskell. The boys won 84-32, with Thompson, Paul Reynolds and Bo Ervine all scoring 18 points. The girls defeated Haskell in the

opener, 69-51, with Hooper scoring 25 points.

The boys defeated Anson in the second round Saturday morning, 57-36, with Thompson scoring 20 points. The girls lost to Paducah Saturday morning in the second round, 47-38, with Hooper scoring 20 points.

Hamlin took two district wins at Haskell Monday evening to round out the pre-

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Smith recently attended the Davis Hartmen's Area Conklin Christmas banquet held in Tulsa for the area distributors for Conklin Products Co. They received their group managers pin at the banquet. Bobby Unser was a guest speaker at the banquet.

holiday conference play with both the boys and girls undefeated after three games. Led by high scoring Delbert Thompson with 26 points, the Pipers downed Haskell 74-51, and in the girls game it took a last second two-pointer by Tracy Gregory to give the local girls a 63-61 win over the Haskell girls.

In the junior varsity action, Haskell won the boys game, 52-47, and the girls played to a 20-20 tie.

The girls will be off during the Christmas holidays while the boys are entered in the Hardin-Simmons Tournament in Abilene, Dec. 27-30. The boys will open with Jim Ned Monday afternoon at 5. Both teams will resume district play following the holidays and will open back up with Knox City here Jan. 4.

Phyllis Kirby Crowned Miss Merry Christmas

Phyllis Kirby, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kirby of Anson, was crowned Miss Merry Christmas at the pageant at Anson Saturday evening.

Miss Kirby is a sophomore at Anson High School. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Niedecken.

The selection is determined by money votes. The money raised goes to the Summer Recreation Program and activities. The event is sponsored by the Anson Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Santa,
I want a Fronzie. An Evel Knievel super jet cycle and Robbie. I would like a junkyard game. I would like an NFL football and a B B Gun. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love
Jeff Adkins

Consolidation Vote Called For Hamlin, McCaulley Schools

Hamlin and McCaulley Independent School District voters are being asked to vote on the consolidation of the two districts. Two separate elections will be held, one in the McCaulley district and one in the Hamlin district. The issue must pass in both districts to become effective.

The election in both districts will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, according to the election orders issued by the County Judges of both Jones and Fisher Counties. Absentee voting in both districts will begin Monday, Dec. 27, and continue through Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Only legally qualified voters residing in the two

districts may vote in the elections.

The elections were called after 20 or more legally qualified voters in each of the districts signed petitions requesting the election.

McCaulley voters in the past have turned down two similar proposals to consolidate their district with Hamlin. They rejected the consolidation in 1965 and 1967 and also voted down a consolidation with Roby in 1967.

The election in Hamlin will be held at high school building and the election at McCaulley will be at the school. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. in both elections.

City Council Votes Sewer Fee Increase

The City Council adopted two ordinances at their meeting here Monday night relating to the new waste water treatment plant expected to be in operation this spring. Both ordinances are required by state and federal regulations with one setting rates and the other regulating the discharge of industrial wastes.

The council held a public hearing on an application for a \$140,000 federal block grant to be sought by the city following the January council meeting.

A discussion of the city's dog problem was also held

with Jim Bonds appearing before the council seeking the enforcement of the city ordinance requiring dogs to be vaccinated and tagged. Greg Lievan, operator of Aero Sprayers, also appeared before the council seeking to close off the airport to vehicle traffic in an effort to cut down vandalism on the runway lights.

The state and federal regulations dealing with waste water treatments constructed with federal grants requires that sewer charges be based on an equation that is based on the amount of water used by each customer. Based on this equation, the city has set a base charge of \$2.30 per month, plus 12 cents per 1,000 gallons. The present rate is a flat fee of \$2.50 per month.

The other ordinance adopted by the council dealing with the waste water treatment plant regulates the discharge of industrial wastes into the sanitary sewers of the city and establishes a permit system and charges for such wastes.

After much discussion by the council on the city's problem with dogs and a review of the city's current ordinance relating to their control, the council agreed to put the matter on the agenda for next month's meeting—for a complete review of the problem.

The council approved extra pay for police department employees who will be required to work Christmas day.

Buddy Counts To Present Organ Concert Tuesday

John (Buddy) Counts of Denver, Colo., will be singing and giving an organ concert here Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Foursquare Church.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Weldon Counts, pastors, he spent much of his younger life here, attending junior high and senior high school here.

Also to be featured are "Sounds of Life," a talented Hamlin trio composed of Debra Hollis, Randy Hudgins and Tammie Harris, all freshmen college students, here for the holidays.

Dear Santa,

I want a SSP and a new knife and a tape recorder and a tape player and a crash derby.

Jason Poe

Dear Santa,

I want Space 1999 and evel kneivel super cycle and ice cream truck a big one.

Bret Barrick

United Way Fund Campaign Nears \$14,000 Goal

A final report on Hamlin's United Way Campaign reveals that the organization's 1976 fund raising drive failed to reach its \$14,000 goal. The final report showed pledges and donations totalling \$13,341.37.

The drive opened here Monday, Sept. 29, and was originally scheduled to close Monday, Oct. 25, but was extended in an effort to reach the goal set for the year.

This is the second year for the United Way Campaign in Hamlin and last year a total of \$13,900 was pledged with a goal of \$9,000.

A. V. Womack Retires As VA Service Officer

A. V. (Blue) Womack has resigned as Jones County Veterans Servicer, effective Jan. 1, 1977, and will be succeeded by Vannie A. McGee.

Womack has held this position for the past seven years. He states that he "will now be actively retired, and continue in the Life Insurance business, as well as becoming a very steady golfer."

McGee is a former Texas Highway Department employee, serving in the engineering division. He is also a former Jones County

Commissioner.

Womack has been in the insurance business with Great Southern Life Insurance company for 19 years. Before that he was a florist, opening Anson's first floral business. He also served as manager of the Anson Chamber of Commerce, served as president of the Chamber, and other offices of the civic organization, as well as Commander of the American Legion.

He is a member of the Anson Lions Club where he

has served as president and other offices of the club; served as county chairman of the American Cancer Society for several years, is now serving as secretary of the Anson Hospital Board, is a former vice president of the Abilene Community Theatre group, and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he is past chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Womack's wife, Nita, was employed in Anson and Stamford with the Production Credit Association for a number of years, resigning her position three years ago. They are parents of two daughters, Mrs. Randy (Gigi) Langerhans of Ft. Worth, a graduate of Texas A&M, and Marsha Womack, who will graduate this week from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. They also have one granddaughter, Sherry Langerhans, 5.

"I want to express my thanks to all of the people I have served while in the capacity of Jones County Service Officer," he stated.

McGee has been training in the office since Dec. 1.

EAGLE EYE NEWS

Compiled by the Journalism
Class of McCaulley High School
Geneva Carter, sponsor

Eagle Award Nominees were elected for the first quarter. These awards are based on Scholarship, leadership, and character. The first quarter recipients of the Eagle award are James Jeffrey, freshman, and Wilma Williams, junior.

McCaulley FHA held their Christmas slumber party Dec. 20. They exchanged presents and stayed up all night. Food was devoured by 14 hungry girls and two sleepy sponsors.

The fruit sale has now ended and this sale was for FFA and FHA. The community now has enough fruit for Christmas.

High school boys and girls basketball teams have participated in three tournaments in the last three weeks. In the first tournament at Divide, the boys brought home the first place trophy and the girls brought home the second place trophy. Individual awards were presented to James Kemp, Russel Pippin, Wilma Williams and Fonda Jeffrey.

The second tournament was at Hermleigh. James Kemp was given an individual trophy for the all-tournament team as the boys brought home the Consolation trophy.

At the McCaulley tournament, Highland girls won first place, Paint Creek, second place, and Weinert won consolation. From McCaulley Jo Nell Coleman was voted on the all-tournament team. In the boys' bracket, first place went to Hermleigh, Highland received second, and Weinert won consolation. James Kemp was on the all-tournament team.

Joseph Spalding and Fonda Jeffrey were named as Mr. and Miss MHS last week. Others named were Earl Williams and Cherie McKinney for Most Friendly; Clint Wheat and Carla Young, Most Attractive; James Kemp and Cherie McKinney for Best All Around; and Clint Wheat and Fonda Jeffrey, Most Popular.

McCaulley I.S.D. held the annual Christmas program in the gymnasium at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Every grade participated. The Kindergarten class sang Christmas carols. A play entitled "The Deer Who Wanted to Be Famous" was presented by the first and second grade class under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Bell.

The third through sixth grades presented a play entitled "The Gift" with Mrs. Edna Hill and Mrs. Sue Story as directors.

Mrs. Fayma Drummond read the Nativity Scene by

Charles Dickens as the seventh and eighth graders pantomimed the story.

The McCaulley high school girls' chorus presented Christmas carols with a special song sung by Fonda Jeffrey and Cherie McKinney.

The program ended with everyone singing "Silent Night."

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T. W. Flennikens

Return to Hamlin

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flennikens and Clyde have returned to Hamlin to make their home after living in Stephenville for two and one-half years while operating the Cross Timbers Motor Inn. They are now residing at 711 S. W. 2nd.

They recently visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Sue) Bjorkman, Misty, Melanie, Melissa and Scott in Ventura, Calif. As they were preparing to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Flennikens and Tom Jr. of Chowchilla, Calif., they received word that his home had been totally destroyed by fire. There was no one home at the time of the fire, but all that they owned was lost.

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Consumers Get More Credit Protection

May 14 will be a turning point in credit policy history, Mrs. Nacy Wilburn, County Extension Agent says.

"The holder-in-due-course doctrine will no longer automatically require credit users to continue payments when they were defrauded by the seller," she explained.

"Leaning toward helping the consumers, this new Federal Trade Commission ruling keeps lenders and finance companies holding a contract from respossessing merchandise or demanding payments when the consumer cannot get the seller to stand behind his product," she explained.

Under certain conditions consumers can stop payments and get back money already paid on installment contracts when their complaint is stalled by the seller, the agent continued.

To be protected by the new ruling:

—Your claim must be valid, and you must document with evidence that you have been defrauded or deceived.

—Your credit contract must have been arranged or recommended by the seller involved, or he may have sold it to another creditor. If you finance the purchase on your own, you may not be protected.

"Credit card purchases are not covered by this rule. But similar protection is provided

under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

"Traditionally, legal acts governing credit contracts have been strongly oriented toward protecting the creditor to promote free enterprise. This new ruling indicates increased awareness of the role of the consumer in the free enterprise system," she said.

Friends Class Holds Monthly Meeting Here

Mrs. Marvin Carlton and Mrs. John Howard Jr. were hostesses for the monthly meeting of Friends Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church Monday, Dec. 13, in the Carlton home.

Mrs. Howard gave the opening prayer. Mrs. J. E. McCoy, outreach leader, presided.

Mrs. Carlton gave the devotional on the Christmas Story.

The class exchanged white elephant gifts and gave a special gift to the teacher, Mrs. Betty Haught.

Cookies, candy, cold drinks and coffee were served.

Others attending were Mmes. J. O. Murphree, Paul Cooper, Byron Swank, Elbert Payne, Lee Ward, Buford Bigam and Herman Sharer.

The Jan. 11 meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Swank.

Shrimp, Turkey Make Great Gumbo



So—you have always wanted to try your hand at gumbo? There is no better time than left-over turkey time. Live daringly. Don't toss those last sad pieces. By adding two cans of shrimp you have the basics for a rich, exciting gumbo, Creole style. This easy recipe is for an "okra" type, as distinguished from the kind called "file" gumbo. But don't be afraid of the okra. The trick is to fry it (yes, fry) until, in the words of one old-time Louisiana cook, it "quits ropin'."

SHRIMP AND TURKEY GUMBO

- 2 cans (4 1/2 ounces each) shrimp
- Turkey wing and "drumstick" or equivalent
- 1/3 cup cooking oil or fresh bacon drippings
- 1 box (10 ounces) frozen sliced okra
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onion
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Chill shrimp in the cans. Wash all traces of dressing from turkey. Heat oil in a heavy soup kettle; fry okra, onion, garlic together over high heat, stirring constantly, until okra loses its viscous quality. Add 5 cups water; stir well. Add turkey, tomato sauce, seasonings. Bring mixture to a boil; turn heat to simmer. Cover and cook, stirring frequently, 1 1/2 hours or until turkey falls easily from the bone. Remove meat; break into bite-size pieces; discard all bone, skin, gristle. Return turkey to gumbo; add shrimp and all shrimp liquid. Heat. Spoon gumbo around mounds of fluffy rice. 6 main-course servings.

If you would like more recipes like this, send your name and address with 25 cents in coin or stamps to: Shrimp Recipes, P.O. Box 97, Harvey, Louisiana 75009.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Seventy-two Hamlin Girl Scouts, leaders, helpers and leaders' children celebrated a night of Christmas caroling and Christmas parties Friday evening.

The group met at the hut at 6 p.m. and rode on two trailers, singing carols. They stopped at the rest home and went down each hall singing carols.

The next stop was on Northwest Ave. I where they walked to the circle singing and returned to the home of Mrs. Johnny Waldrop for refreshments.

Caroling on Northwest Ave. G and H and a stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Ferguson, where each girl received a Christmas sucker, completed the group activity.

party at the home of Mrs. Roy Tom Watts.

Other troops had parties last week.

Phebean Class Holds Party

The Phebean Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Georgia George for a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 14. Co-hostess was Lillian Greer.

The devotional was presented by Mrs. Cecil Sellers on Christmas traditions and celebrations.

Others attending were Mmes. Clara Harvey, Mary Holmes, Mildred McDonald, Zelma Perryman, Jewel Scott, Mildred Weaver, Raye Gregory, Leona Carter, Mayme Deel and Maggie Wainscott.

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POUND	TOMATOES	39¢
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	CELERY STALK	15¢
	LETTUCE HEAD	19¢
FRESH CHICKEN — POUND	HENS	79¢

Rebekah Class Holds Annual Yule Party

The Rebekah Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Oran Taylor Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. for its annual Christmas social.

Mrs. D. O. Waymire, outreach leader, was in charge. Mrs. Mary Holmes, assistant teacher, opened with prayer.

After everyone present exchanged gifts, Betty Haught brought a devotional on the meaning of Christmas.

The hostesses, Mrs. D. O. Waymire, Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. Taylor, served refreshments of pecan pie, coffee, spiced tea and Dr. Pepper to the following guests: Mmes. Debbie Harwell, Travis Hubbard, Ruth Rosenbaum, Carl Young, Carl Meyner, Ruby Perryman, Haught, Mary Holmes and a guest, Oleta Avants.

Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Inez Flores of Merkel are parents of a girl, Elaine, 7 lbs., born Dec. 18 at 5:58 p.m. Maternal grandparents are Frank Cortez and Julie Cortez, both of Winters. Paternal grandfather is Manilia Rufino Flores of Merkel.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

In hospital Tuesday:

Leona Stephens
Gwendelyn Jordan
Elma Flores, Merkel
Lucille Bailey, Sweetwater
Letha Maberry
Iva Brown
Carrie B. Britton
Annie Riddle
Lela Smith
Villa Rountree
Edna Eaton
Joe Bonds Sr.
Elmer Joiner
Mayme McCanlies
L. B. Maberry

Dismissed Dec. 15-20:

Joe D. Stewart
Zelma Gruben, McCauley
Austin Hale
Arlene Boen
Floyd Hicks
Theresa Anderson, Aspermont
Martin Barrera
Kit K. Scott
Troy Gabriel
L. V. Ely
Muriel Mahaffey
L. N. Ellison

E. L. Jenkins Honored On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jenkins Sr. were honored by their children on their 55th Wedding Anniversary Saturday. Here for the occasion were

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Connally and Shelley of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright and family of Fort Worth. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sharer, Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Stephens, all of Hamlin.

Church in the Duncan home Dec. 14.

Attending were Mmes. S. C. Ballew, Robert Johnson, Etta Bond, Oscar Jenkins, Bonna Bell Porter, W. V. Walcott, Erma Johnson, R. C. Ritchey and Elma Brewer.

Service Class Luncheon Held

Mrs. Edgar Duncan and Mrs. Fred Allen hosted the Christmas luncheon for the Service Class of First Baptist

Called the Cancer Information Service, a new program utilizes a toll-free phone line (1-800-392-2040) to answer public inquiries on cancer. The service will be extended to all residents of Texas

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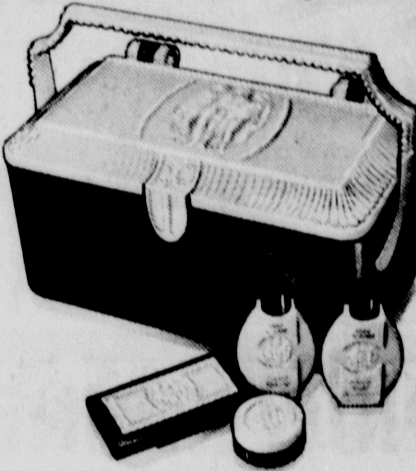
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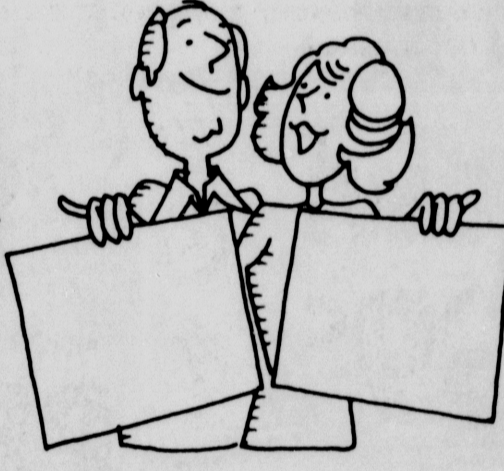
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FUR BUYER will be in Hamlin at 11-11:30 a.m. at the railroad crossing on US 83 every Friday starting Dec. 24. Red Veale Fur Co., Vernon Hayden, Buyer (817) 559-3584.

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LOST OR LOANED—If the vacuum cleaner from The Hamlin Herald has been borrowed, we need it back.

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OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Colonial Food Stores are growing fast and need good 'customer minded' employees. Applications are now being taken for management trainees, clerks, and part-timers. Pick up applications at Colonial Food Stores in Anson, Haskell or Hamlin; or mail resume to Colonial Food Store, 180 West at Ave. K, Anson, Tx. 79501.

Help Wanted

OFFICE MANAGER—Established Abilene building materials dealer seeks full-charge accountant, must have merchandise accounting background, will supervise 4 people, will personally keep general ledger, payroll, tax reports, statements, 5 1/2 day week, salary commensurate with ability and experience. Call or write—Roy Varner, P. O. Box 3202, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (915) 673-8393, nights and weekends 672-2170.

WANTED—Spray painter, sand blasting experience and helpers, call 576-3102.

WANTED—Mature lady between 20-30 years, apply at Dairy Queen.

Merchandise For Sale

MACRAME SUPPLIES—Beads, jute, rings and pots. **WHITE'S AUTO STORE**, 319 South Central, Hamlin.

GOOD SELECTION OF NICE USED TV'S now at Frank's TV, Hamlin.

GIFTS GALORE! Plaster, finished, unfinished; Jute, Macrame hangers, house paints, Falkner's, the Home of Operahouse Paints, Northside Square, Anson, Texas.

WE BUY AND SELL USED FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES—Lee Used Furniture, 120 N. Swenson (1 block north red light on U.S. 277) Stamford, Phone 773-5608.

GRAIN FED calves, half or whole, delivered to locker, have appointments made ahead. Lonnie Kidd, 576-2187 after 7 p.m.

B & F APPLIANCE REPAIR—Major household appliances, refrigerators, washer, etc. 24 years experience. Also sell used appliances. Call before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. 576-3869.

CARPET dirt and grime come out in no time with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer. Winn's Store.

NEW OR renovated mattresses and box springs. They're guaranteed. Pick up and delivery. Western Mattress Co. Phone Mrs. Mize at 823-3863.

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Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE—3 bedroom, 1 bath with refrigerated window units, fully carpeted and paneled. Good location. Shown by appointment only. Call 576-3216.

FOR SALE—an improved lot one block from elementary school, call 576-3241.

FOR SALE—2 bedroom and one bath house at 612 N. W. Ave. G. \$10,000 with approximately \$1,000 down. Payment approximately \$115 a month. Call (915) 893-4876 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE—three bedroom and bath, chain link fence, concrete cellar, 2 storerooms and carport. Call 576-3418 for appointment. M. L. Rhoton, \$8,500.

FOR SALE—3 bedroom house, paneled, carpet, corner lot, phone 576-3154.

Real Estate Wanted

WANTED TO RENT—Two or three bedroom home in country. Contact Ray Aydelott, 605 So. 11th, Slaton, Tx. 79364, or call collect (806) 828-5468.

SENIOR REALTORS, Jerry and Verlene Waggoner, Hamlin, Tex. 915-576-2727. Need listings on land and residential property.

Bids, Legal, Auction

CORRECTION OF—NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. PUBLISHED NOV. 24, 1976. The reasons for not preparing an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy act of 1969 are:

1. The project will not affect the natural resources.
 2. The project will not affect the street system or circulation patterns in the city.
 3. The project will not affect outdoor recreation or open space facilities.
 4. The project will not affect any educational, civic, or public facility plans.
 5. The project will not affect any unique vegetational or wildlife areas. There are no Historical or archeological sites within the City limits.
- Robert Fowler, Mayor
 City of Hamlin

CORRECTION OF NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS published Dec. 9, 1976. On or about Dec. 16, 1976 the City of

Hamlin will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after Dec. 31, 1976 will be considered by HUD.

Robert Fowler, Mayor
 City of Hamlin

ORDEN Y AVISO DE ELECCION PARA UNIFICACION DE DISTRITOS

EL ESTADO DE TEJAS CONADO DE JONES

EN VISTA de que el día 9 de diciembre, de 1976, una petición me fue presentado para que se lleve a cabo una elección en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hamlin del Condado de Jones y Fisher, Tejas, con el propósito de determinar si la mayoría de los votadores legales de dicho Distrito Escolar quisieran unificarse con el Distrito Escolar Independiente de McCauley del Condado de Fisher y Jones, Tejas; y,

EN VISTA de que cada uno de dichos distritos contiguos ha sido establecido propiamente y creado y es un distrito escolar legal que existe validamente; y veinte (20) o mas de los votadores legales de cada uno de los distritos escolares contiguos ha firmado dicha petición que pide dicha unificación y que dicha petición esta en otros respetos en conformidad con la ley;

POR LO TANTO, yo, en mi capacidad de Juez Condado del Condado de Jones, Tejas, por este medio ordeno que se lleve a cabo una elección el día 15 de enero, de 1977, en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hamlin para determinar si la mayoría de los votadores legales del dicho Distrito quisieran unificarse para fines escolares.

Ademas orden que dicha elección se lleve a cabo en dicho Distrito en Hamlin High School, 450 S. W. Avenue F, Hamlin, Texas, en Hamlin, Tejas, y a Mrs. Joyce Scott se le nombre Juez Directivo por dicha elección y a Mrs. Martha Ferguson se le nombre Juez Directivo Alterno, y el Juez Directivo nombrara dos Secretarios para ayudarle.

El lugar de votación arriba designado se mantendra abierto el día de elección de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votación ausente en dicha elección en dicho Distrito Escolar se llevara a cabo en Hamlin Independent School District Administration Office, 245 S. W. 2nd Street, Hamlin, Texas, y a Mrs. Jane Murphree se le nombra Secretario de votación ausente, y a Mrs. Neva Carlton y Robert Hawes se les nombra por esta como Secretarios Delegados para votación ausente. El lugar arriba descrito para votación ausente es tambien la dirección postal del secretario de votación ausente a quien se le podran enviar por correo solicitudes de boletas y tambien las boletas con votos.

El lugar arriba designado para votación ausente en dicho Distrito Escolar se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas cada día de votación ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o día de fiesta oficial del Estado, principiando 20 días y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Dicho lugar de votación se mantendra abierto de las 8:00 a.m. a las 4:30 p.m. cada día de votación ausente.

Solamente los votadores legales que viven en dicho Distrito arriba podran votar en dicha elección. Las boletas de dicha elección tendran escrito o imprimido encima:

() A FAVOR DE

() CONTRA

Unificación del Distrito Escolar Independiente de McCauley de el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hamlin

Cada votador votara en el asunto sometido por este medio cuando pone un "X" en el cuadro al lado de la declaración que indica el modo en que el quiere votar.

Inmediatamente despues de llevarse a cabo dicha elección el Juez Directivo debera completar y entregar

los resultados de las elecciones al Juzgado de Comisionados de este Condado.

El aviso de dicha elección sera repartido por fijar una copia de este Orden y Aviso de Elección para Unificación de Distritos dentro de los limites de dicho Distrito Escolar, llevandose a cabo dicha colocación por lo menos veinte (20) días anteriores a la fecha de dicha elección.

El Sheriff tambien causara que un aviso de publicación de esta elección sea publicado una vez en un periodico de circulación general en el condado donde se encuentra dicho distrito escolar. Dicha publicación se hara no mas de veinte-cinco (25) días ni menos de veinte (20) días anteriores a dicha elección.

Fechado este el 20th día de diciembre, 1976.

Leon Thurman
 Juez Condado del Condado de Jones, Tejas

ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION TO CONSOLIDATE DISTRICTS STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF JONES

WHEREAS, on December 9, 1976, a petition was presented to me for an election to be held in Hamlin Independent School District of Jones and Fisher County, Texas, for the purpose of determining whether the majority of the legally qualified voters of said School District desire to be consolidated with the McCauley Independent School District of Fisher and Jones County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, each of said contiguous districts has been properly established and created and is a legally and validly existing school district; and twenty (20) or more of the legally qualified voters of each of the contiguous school districts signed said petition requesting said consolidation and that said petition is otherwise in conformity with the law;

THEREFORE, I, in my capacity as County Judge of Jones County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held on January 15, 1977, in Hamlin Independent School District to determine whether the majority of the legally qualified voters of said District desire that they shall be consolidated for school purposes.

I further order that said election shall be held in said District at Hamlin High School, 450 S. W. Avenue F, Hamlin, Texas, in Hamlin, Texas, and Mrs. Joyce Scott is hereby appointed Presiding Judge for said election and Mrs. Martha Ferguson is hereby appointed Alternate Presiding Judge, and the Presiding Judge shall appoint two Clerks to assist her.

The polls at the above designated polling place shall on election day be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Absentee voting in said election in said School District shall be held at Hamlin Independent School District Administration Office, 245 S. W. 2nd Street, Hamlin, Texas, and Mrs. Jane Murphree is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and Mrs. Neva Carlton and Robert Hawes are hereby appointed Deputy Clerks for absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee Clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail shall be sent.

The above designated place for absentee voting in said School District shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each day for said absentee voting.

Only legally qualified voters residing in said above District shall vote at said election. The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon:

() FOR

() AGAINST

Consolidation of McCauley Independent School District and Hamlin Independent School District
 Each voter shall vote on the



TURNING TIRE—Mark Carter, left, and Terry Bailey are turning a tire, one of the several steps in making cattle feeders from old tires. The project is being carried out by the Vocational Agriculture II and III classes at Hamlin High School.

FFA Students Making Cattle Feeders Here

Students enrolled in Vocational Agriculture II and

proposition hereby submitted by placing an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way he wishes to vote.

Immediately after said election has been held, the Presiding Judge shall make and deliver the returns of the results thereof to the Commissioners' Court of this County.

Notice of said election shall be given by posting a copy of this Order and Notice of Election to Consolidate Districts within the boundaries of said School District, and said posting shall be done at least twenty days prior to the date of said election. The Sheriff shall also cause a notice by publication of this election to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said school district is located. Said publication shall be not more than 25 days nor less than 20 days before said election.

DATED this 20th day of December, 1976.
 Leon Thurman
 County Judge of Jones County, Texas

Vocational Agriculture III classes are busy making cattle feeders from old tires. Class members have made and sold 20 feeders at the present time and are working on another 50 to 60 feeders which have been ordered.

The Hamlin FFA Chapter bought the materials needed and have received old tires from the Hamlin Farmers Co-op Store, Joe Hudspeth's and Burt Oliver. The chapter is selling the feeders for \$3.00 each.

V. A. II class members are Terry Bailey, Mark Carter, Waylon Collins, Joe Creason, Donnie Gardner, Shane Hinkle, Russell Laird, Vance Lakey, Kelly Offield, Eddie Ribera and Joe Smith.

V. A. III class members are Jim Bollier, Alvin Conner, Mike Corley, Ben Gonzalez, Tracy Gregory, Rickey Goodgame, Gary Lain, Russ Lakey, Carrie May, Dwain Miller, Guy Turner, Andy Webb and Curtis White.

Should anyone want any of these feeders they may contact any of the above students to place an order. Feeders will be on display at the Hamlin High School Vocational Agriculture Shop, according to Milburn Wink.

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Deposit this registration in box at Colonial Food Store.

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☐ Please contact me. I would like to know how to open an Individual Retirement Account at Sweetwater Savings

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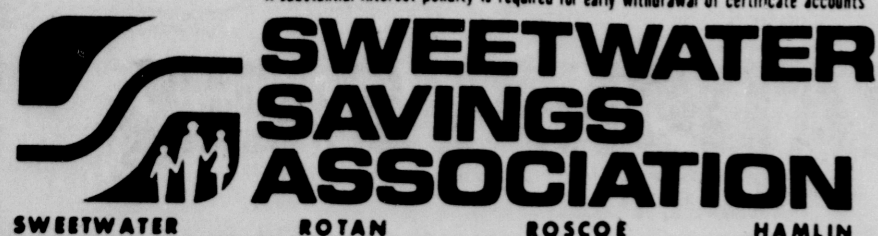
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 Sweetwater Savings, P.O. Box 1399, Sweetwater, Texas 79556

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Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To my friends, the Senior Citizens, who I have grown to love and appreciate while I have been working with you, my wish for you is good health, happiness at this holiday season and during the coming year.

Betty Thompson

Neinda Philosopher Decides Not to Write A Christmas Letter, Can't Compete With TV Commercials

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One apparently tries to dodge Christmas this year, but he doesn't succeed.

Dear editor:
I started to write a Christmas letter this week but I figured everybody with

a television set has been hearing about Christmas every other commercial since way before Thanksgiving, so I don't think I'll get around to it, except to say that I guess you notice it comes on Saturday this year. Not even Congress has the nerve to make Christmas come on Monday every year. I was watching the news on TV the other evening and I

noticed that the heads of the oil producing countries over there in the desert, arriving at a meeting to tell us how much oil is going to cost us in 1977, all rode up in American-built automobiles. Don't know what we charged them for their cars, not to mention their airplanes, tanks, grain, etc., but whatever it was it wasn't enough.

Speaking of oil, I understand that even when we get the Alaskan pipe line completed, we're still going to have to pick up the oil in tankers at ports somewhere up there in the frozen north to finally get it to refineries down here.

It seems to me we weren't thinking far enough ahead.

Instead of spending billions of dollars to build the pipe line, then spending more to haul it out by tanker from the end of the line in a hurry before the water freezes over, all so people in the rest of the U.S. can ride around in cars — instead of all that, wouldn't it have been simpler and cheaper to build a refinery up there in Alaska, install a string of filling stations, and send people up there to ride around in their cars?

Oh well, it's just a yuletide thought. As the ancient saying goes, some people can't see the filling station for the smog. Anyway, Merry Christmas.

Your faithfully,
J.A.

May you share the wondrous tidings of this Holy Season.
Merry Christmas and sincerest thanks.



WAGGONER INSURANCE
JERRY AND VERLENE WAGGONER
238 South Central

The Glow of Christmas

Let us keep Christmas.
Let us hold this shining day close ... remembering faithful friends.



NEINDA COOP GIN

Route 1 **Bill Scott, Manager**

Funeral Service Held Monday for Mrs. Opie Sipe

Mrs. W. R. (Opie) Sipe, 80, mother of Othel Sipe, died at 5:55 p.m. Saturday at Teakwood Manor Nursing Home in Stamford.

Service was held at 4 p.m. Monday at Hamlin Church of Christ with Lamon Lewis, professor of religion at Abilene Christian University, officiating, and the Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, assisting.

Born Opie Woods, March 19, 1896, in Oklahoma, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Woods.

She married W. R. Sipe in Melvin in August, 1912. She was a seamstress. They moved from Melvin in 1917 and lived in San Angelo until 1942.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Burial was in Hamlin East Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Survivors are two sons, Othel of Hamlin and Taylor of San Angelo; a daughter, Mrs. Lorene Jackson of Kerrville; a sister, Rilla Huffman of Houston; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Woodie Scott, Byron Swank, Floyd Smith, Homer Neal, E. J. Roland and Eddie Jay.

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a train.
I want a Rudolf too.
From
Shayne Fugate

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Light Bright, and a piano too and Baby Tender Love. I hope you have a merry Christmas too.
Love
Roxann Carter

Kathy Ponder Takes Third In Speech Contest

Kathy Ponder, a senior speech major at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, has won third place in the upperclassmen division of the school's 22nd annual Doc Mead Speaking Contest for her speech entitled "My Discovery."

Miss Ponder, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Ponder, 250 N. Central, Hamlin, received a \$15 tuition scholarship for her accomplishment.

She is a 1973 graduate of Hamlin High School.

Attend Funeral

Relatives from Hamlin attending the funeral of Mrs. P. S. Graham in Wichita Falls Saturday, Dec. 11, were Mrs. Evaline Ferguson, Mrs. Arba Burgess and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Prewitt and Paula.

Mrs. Graham, 72, was the last sister-in-law of Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Burgess. Their brother, Prentice, died in 1963.

Mrs. Graham died Dec. 9 in a Wichita Falls hospital. She had lived in Wichita Falls 50 years.

METER CONNECTS

OFF: Parifiro Martinez, 315 N. W. Ave. C; Morris Garcia, S. E. 3rd St; John Payne, 700 N. W. Ave. E; Keith Alexander, 445 N. W. Ave. B; Esteban Robledo, 553 S. Central; Luis G. Espinoza, 98 N. E. Ave. C; Sharon Rister, 549 N. W. Ave. J; Morris Reyes, 321 N. W. Ave. C; Jewel Russell, 324 W. Lake Dr.; Y. L. Hernandez, 221 N. E. Ave. E.

ON: Dora Counts, 520 S. W. 3rd; Susy Romero, 221 N. E. Ave. E; Johnny Hilliard, N. E. 2nd; Jose Garcia, 549 N. W. Ave. J; Debra Crumpler, 327 W. Lake Dr.; Parifiro Martinez, 932 S. E. Ave. A; Tony Kelley, 353 S. W. 4th; Rickey Villanueva, 553 S. Central; Pam Roughton, 735 N. W. Ave. F; Gene Gordan, 312 S. W. Ave. C.

BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gus Anderson of Aspermont are parents of a son, 9 lbs. 2 oz. Gregory Gus, born Dec. 16 at 7:31 a.m. He has a brother Ricky Leon, 2. Maternal grandparents are Buford Leon Tipton of Andrews and Mrs. Maxine Tipton of Andrews. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Leon Anderson of Aspermont.

A Festive Name

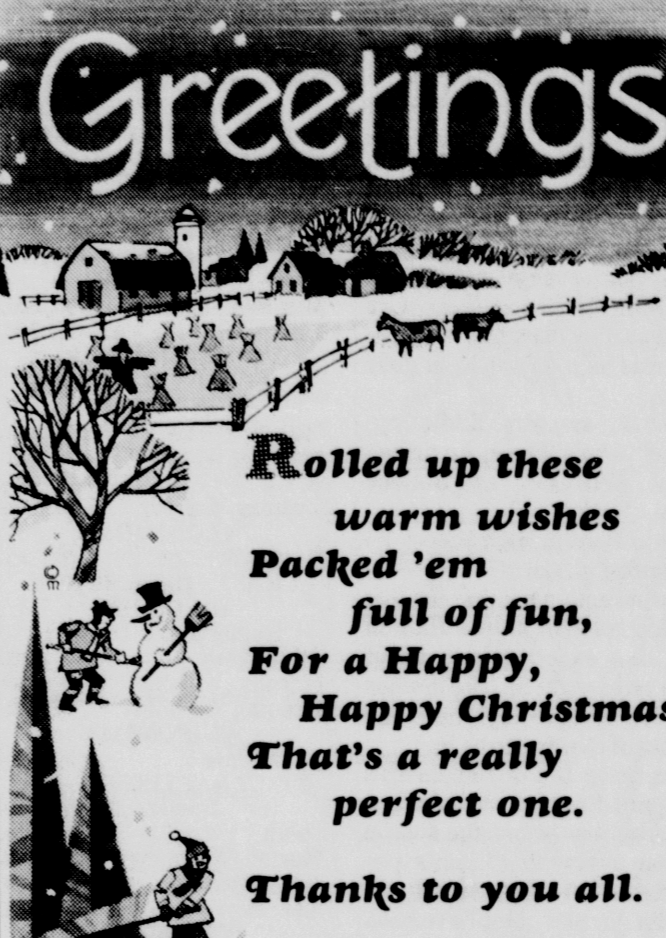
"Merry Christmas" in June? September? It is for a lovely young lady in Sacramento, California, whose name is truly Merry Cheree Christmas!

In answer to endless inquiries and as many jokes, this charming young woman never tires of explaining that her name really is Merry Christmas, and is spelled just that way. She is used to people thinking it's funny and the constant teasing, but enjoys the fun of it as much as others.

Miss Christmas, whose fame has spread all over the world, spends a considerable amount of time answering the many people who write her. She starts writing her Christmas cards in September.

Asked about marriage proposals and changing her name, Miss Christmas responded "Well, I've seriously thought about marriage a couple of times, but I was raised the old-fashioned way and I guess I'm looking for an old-fashioned type of person who thinks like I do. I really like the traditional things — like Christmas."

Greetings



Rolled up these warm wishes Packed 'em full of fun, For a Happy, Happy Christmas That's a really perfect one.

Thanks to you all.

HAMLIN RESTAURANT
ZEB AND COZETTE RUTHERFORD
We Will Close at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 and open Monday, Dec. 27, at 5 a.m.



ON CHRISTMAS DAY
all bells on earth will ring sounding a message of love and joy to people everywhere.
Our sincere gratitude.
REYNOLDS DRUG
Verda — Cliff — Lois Ellen
Marolyn and O. H. Weaver

SILENT NIGHT



Count these among your gifts ... the message of that Miraculous Night, the beauty and splendor of the living earth, our heartfelt thanks for your treasured friendship.

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GOOD YEAR

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FROM THE FILES . .

FIFTY YEARS AGO (December 24, 1926)

One of the most welcome visitors in our city Saturday was Santa Claus who arrived on scheduled time and made his headquarters at York's Variety Store as he had previously announced that he would do.

When Santa arrived he found a host of Hamlin's little girls and boys waiting to see him, and not only were the little folks eagerly watching for him, but many of the older ones seemed very much pleased to see him once more.

Santa remained in town nearly all day distributing presents, and taking a general survey of all the stores where he has his beautiful gifts attractively displayed. When he left he promised the girls and boys that he would do his best to see that they received just the things they most wanted on Christmas morning, and of course they all promised him they would be very, very good children.

"Hooking Milk! Yes, that's what you may call it. Anyway, of late somebody has been taking milk bottles from the front steps of customers of the dairy. City Marshal Johnson has a standing reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those guilty of this kind of theft. Again it is the plan of the customers to set a trap for those guilty. So if the fellow gets milk that doesn't taste good he may know it's not exactly all milk. One customer has devised a scheme of setting a bell to ringing when the bottle is lifted so, again the rouge had better keep out of the front yard. Milk stealing has got to stop. If the Herald is correctly informed somebody is going to get in some embarrassing trouble, if milk stealing keeps up.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (December 27, 1956)

Basketballers from DePriest Colored School slammed the cagers from Sweetwater Monday night in a couple of tilts for their first victory over the Nolan County teams after eight years of trying.

The first win came when the Steerettes defeated the Sweetwater girls to the tune of 42 to 33.

The boys' game also was a thriller, the Steers taking the tilt by a 53 to 49 count. Speedy Baldwin, Jesse Gilbert and Louis Brown were outstanding players for Hamlin in this game.

Coach Roosevelt Jones states he has hopes his Steers will win the conference this year.

Hamlin Junior High School will field three Mighty Mice teams to play in inter-school competition, announces Coach Harry Martin, who is coaching all three squads.

Eighth grade boys on the squad are Wesley Cummings, Michael Bond, Robert Brandon, Jerald McCanlies, Wayne Boatright, Bob Murff, Henry O'Neal, Cecil Robinson, Robert Rangel, Clyde Hodnett, Larry Upshaw and David Bonds.

Eighth grade girl cagers are Myra Siburt, Suzanne Jenkins, Pat Blankinship, Nina Jean, Melinda Martin, Nola Davis, Janice Ueckert, Sarah Snapp, Nell Waldon, Dora Palmer, Janice Richardson and DeGwen Sanderlin.

Seventh grade boys are Stanley Austin, William Shields, Tommy Sewell, Joe Orano, Jim Gilbert, Jerry Duncan, Jimmy Cooper, Bill Rickey, Max Cowan, Lanny Ford, Bobby Wolfe and Kenneth Cook.

TEN YEARS AGO (December 22, 1976)

Winners of the Christmas Decorations Contest have been announced by Mrs. Ned Manna secretary of the Hamlin Board of

Community Development, sponsors of the event. Approximately 30 homes were entered in the home division, more entries than in the past.

The Hamlin Flower Shop will retain the traveling plaque that they won last year. Other winners in the business division are Bishop's Flowers and Gifts, second; Frank's Department Store; third; and F & M National Bank, fourth.

The following homes are winners in the residential division: Overall: B. W. McKissack, first; Earnie Reusch, second; Joe Ford, third; and Otis Tucker, fourth.

Door: Joe League, first; Mrs. M. T. York, second; Gus Young, third; and Charles Reed, fourth.

Window: Ewell Mackey, first; Ed Lewis, second; L. R. Browing, third; and Jimmie Mitchell, fourth.

The Pipers and Piperettes will travel to Jayton Tuesday night for the only basketball game scheduled over the Christmas holidays.

Tuesday night the three teams made a clean sweep at Wylie as the Pipers brought home a 75-60 victory. Milton Davis was high pointer with 37.

The Piperettes took revenge over Wylie for their having won the tournament here this past weekend as they defeated Wylie 34-28. Linda Bailey was high for the local girls with 17 points.

Gary Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jay, has been named to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" at Abilene Christian College.

A 1964 graduate of Hamlin High School, he is a senior accounting major.

A better than usual cotton harvest for this area is nearing completion as the Hamlin Farmers Co-op Gin is expecting only about 100 more bales to be brought in. The gin has been caught up for several days now and estimate 98 percent of the crop to be in.

At the Farmers Co-op Gin of Neinda 3892 bales have been ginned and 20 to 30 bales are expected to be brought in before the season closes. The cotton averaged 17 cents per pound. Staple lengths have been mostly 15.

From the Hamlin gin 5021 bales have been marketed at an average of 18.61 cents per pound.

NEWS AND VIEWS. . .

And What Have You

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the basketball teams because both the boys and girls have been consistent winners during this period.

It may be that we just get out of the habit of going. As far as an entertainment bargain it is hard to beat two or three good basketball games for a \$1.25.

The district race will open up in earnest after the first of the year and with the holiday rush over maybe more of us will find the time to support these youngsters.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
647 S. Central
Rev. Nathan O. Phillips
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Christ Ambassadors 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.
BAPTIST MEXICAN MISSION

Rev. Filepe Martinez
Stamford Highway
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. James Whitten
N. W. Avenue G at 5th

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTS 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
CENTRAL BAPTIST
Rev. Jess Wayne Adkins

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
David E. Giddings, minister
Lake Drive at Ave. A

SUNDAY
Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Midweek service 7:30 p.m.
CHURCH of the NAZARENE
Rev. Marshall Stewart
S. W. 1st at Avenue C

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
N.Y.P.S. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Richard Lee Davis Jr.
Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Class 6:30 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Howard J. Jones

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Howard Marcom
48 S. W. Ave. A

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Sharing Groups 7:30 p.m.
FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

113 S. W. Avenue D
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC

Rev. Frank Nelan
Aspermont Highway
SUNDAY

Mass 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Services 7:30 p.m.

McCAULEY BAPTIST
Rev. George Caffey
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
McCAULEY METHODIST

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
NEINDA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Frank Codington, pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Leo F. Scott
N. E. Ave. H

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
B.T.U. 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
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Elder Valery Henderson of

Childress, pastor
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Preceding Saturday night
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HOUSE OF PRAYER
N.W. 6th at Ave. C
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.
SYLVESTER BAPTIST
Rev. Harold C. Ely

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.
UNITED PENTECOSTAL
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Rev. Richard L. Maxwell
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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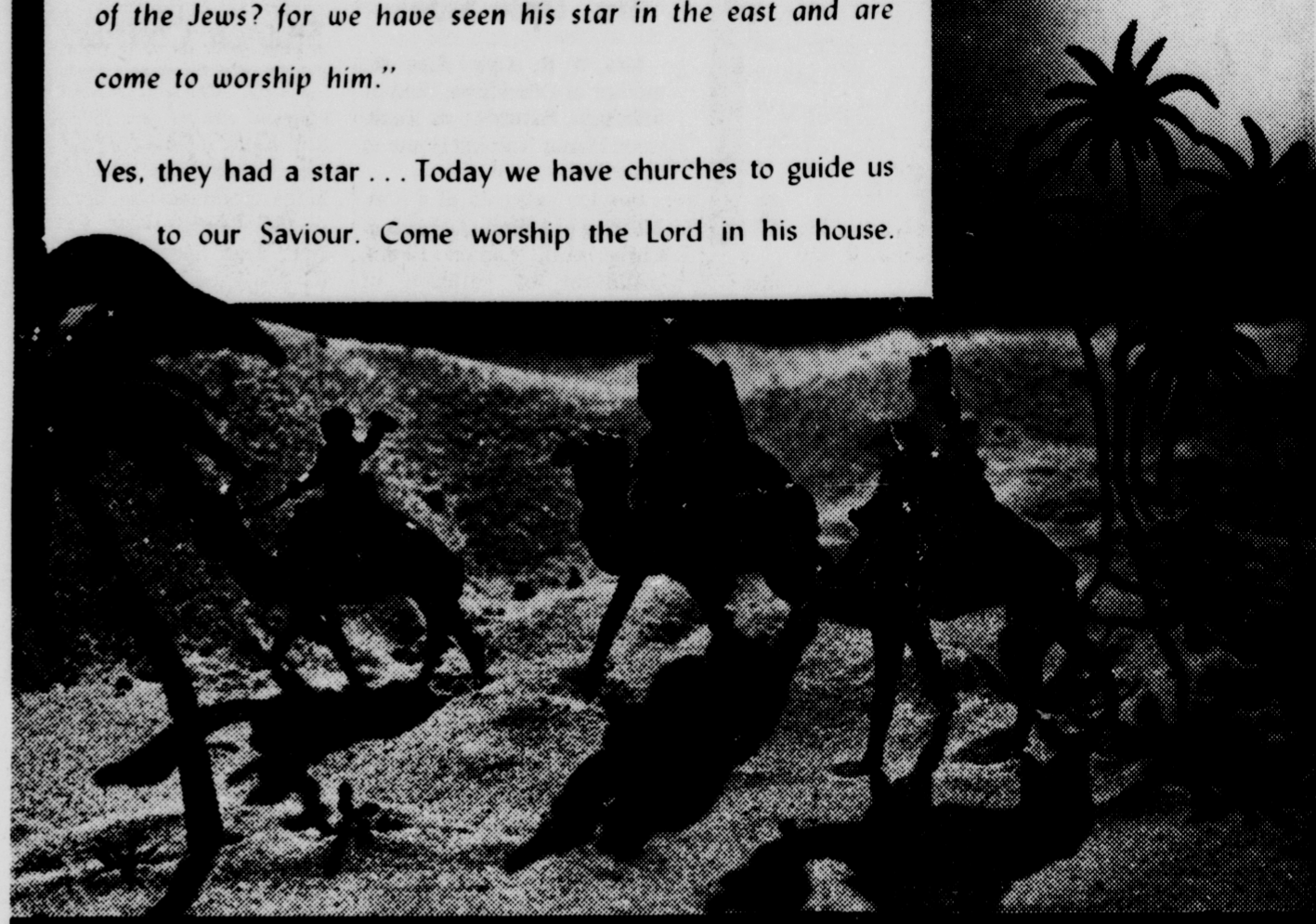
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

SYLVESTER METHODIST
Rev. Buddy Payne
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Evening 7:00 p.m.

They had a STAR

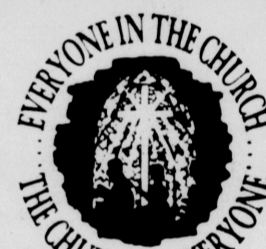
"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Yes, they had a star . . . Today we have churches to guide us to our Saviour. Come worship the Lord in his house.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Serv.



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Let there be **LOVE** at Christmas

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Out, Out, Dratted Spot!

More entertaining means more minor casualties through this festive season. Most spots and stains are easily removed if you really know how to handle them properly. Each process described should be tested on the extra fabric of an inside seam, or a corner of the fabric involved, before attacking the actual stain.

In a kit of first aid cleaning agents and tools be sure to include an eyedropper (to measure one drop of liquid at a time), an art gum eraser, magnifying glass, white vinegar, and a soapless shampoo (not meant for hair). Spots are best removed from the wrong side of the fabric, with a paper towel placed beneath them. Move the towel around so the soil comes off on a clean part. Pat dry, do not iron. Remember soap will do more harm than good, it often

"sets" the stain. When a chemical has been used, hold spot over a glass of cold water, and pat the fabric into the water gently.

Coffee: For table linens, hold stained fabric taut over a deep basin. (Tie into place.) Put basin into empty bathtub and from as high as possible, pour boiling water directly onto spot until it is removed. Pour slowly and carefully!

Cocoa and chocolate: As soon as possible sponge with cold water. A paste of Borax and water can be applied to table linens.

Chewing gum: Rub with ice cube until hard. Scrape as much as possible away. If fabric is linen or cotton texture, put adhesive tape over spot and press down hard. Pull adhesive up quickly while someone else holds the fabric tight.

Candle droppings: Scrape excess wax away. White

wax spots can be put between 2 layers of blotting paper and pressed with a warm iron. If spot persists, dilute a little wood alcohol with water and apply.

Ice cream: Sponge with warm water and let dry. Sponge with carbon tetrachloride.

Lipstick: Sponge with carbon tetrachloride.

Blood: Fresh blood stains respond well to a mixture of 2 tablespoons of salt and 1 tablespoon water. If fabric is washable soak in cold water. For white fabric that is not washable use hydrogen peroxide.

Ink: A solution of table salt and water will remove most fresh ink spots.

Shoe polish and heel marks: Dampen a clean, soft cloth with a reliable cleaning fluid, kerosene or turpentine and rub gently on reverse side of fabric.

Tempting scent to holiday candles

You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingerbread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyberry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through

the holiday season here are some suggestions:

★ Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.

★ When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.

★ Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance

from scented candles.

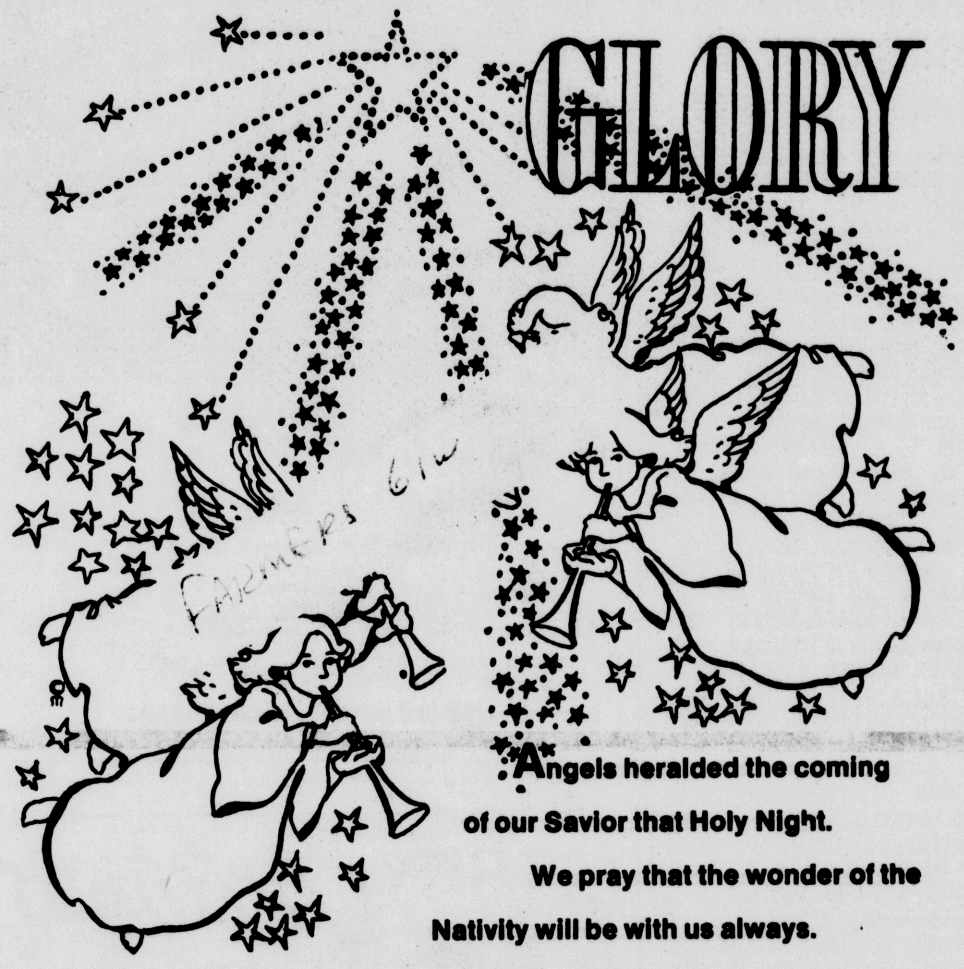
★ Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.



Tagged for you...

- ★ Joy ★ Peace
- ★ Good Fortune
- ★ Our continuing appreciation

CONNALLY FORD SALES
47 E. Lake Drive



GLORY

Angels heralded the coming of our Savior that Holy Night.

We pray that the wonder of the Nativity will be with us always.

HAMLIN FARMERS COOP GIN AND FARM STORE



DELECTABLE HOME MADE COOKIES make original tree trimmings as well as happy holiday eating.

Little folks bake cookies for fun and happy hours

Youngsters can spend many creative hours in the kitchen, baking and putting together their very own cookies and Christmas treats.

The recipes below are easy for little folk and will provide some toothsome goodies to add excitement to your table, hang on your tree or wrap as gifts.

Basic Cookies (from a mix): Decide which cookie to make and make up basic dough from package directions. Use ginger-cookie mix if preferred. Roll dough out about 1/4" thick. Cut in desired shapes. Bake as package directs, then decorate with prepared frosting.

Santa Cookie: From cookie dough mix, cut out tear drop shape about 3" tall. Sprinkle with red sugar. Bake, cool, then decorate. Pointed top of tear drop is Santa's peaked hat. The wide bottom, his body.

Gumdrop Christmas Tree: Cut out triangle for tree, and small rectangle for tree base, from basic cookie dough. Press parts into place on cookie sheet and bake. When cool, add gum drops for ornaments.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

With glad thoughts of Christmas in our hearts, we wish one and all the best of this beautiful, bountiful time. Warm thanks.

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Glad Christmas Tidings

For you and your dear ones, we wish a holiday filled with the warmth and wonder of Christmas. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A December day is all the more beautiful in remembering...

Thinking of you and wishing you every happiness at Christmas.

GENE WALTON OIL WELL SERVICE



Have a Ho-Ho whole lot of fun this Christmas, as you share the precious gifts of the holiday!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



We join Frosty in extending warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday from beginning to end.

L. C. Bonds Family

Looking ahead to Christmas — Give a gift you make yourself

Some of the nicest gifts you can give are those you've made yourself. They have a special way of showing you really care.

The recipes below are for interesting holiday treats that you can make before the festivities begin. Attractively wrapped they will make most welcome gifts, or perhaps you'll want to show them off at home, for guests and your loving family.

Rum or Bourbon Balls
Make these a few weeks before giving, so they have a chance to ripen.
1 cup pecans, almonds or walnuts, chopped fine
1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
2 tablespoons Dutch cocoa
1 cup powdered sugar
1½ tablespoons white karo syrup
¼ cup rum or bourbon
Mix all ingredients together. Using about 1 rounded teaspoon of the mixture, form small balls. Roll in extra powdered sugar and store in tightly covered container, making sure they are not crowded together. That's it! For a change, try chocolate wafers instead of the vanilla, but leave cocoa out of recipe if you do.

3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Start heating oven. Grease, then line with waxed paper, a loaf pan measuring 9" x 5" x 3". Place first 4 ingredients in sifter. In large bowl put nuts, dates and cherries and sift flour mixture over them. Mix with hands till fruits and nuts are well coated. Beat eggs till

foamy, add vanilla, stir into nut mix until well mixed. Spread evenly in pan, bake until done. Cool in pan on wire rack for 15 minutes. Remove from pan; peel paper off; cool on rack. Wrap in aluminum foil and store in refrigerator. Will keep for 5 or 6 weeks.

Happy holiday nibbling to all!



Hi MERRY CHRISTMAS

Chugging in with a caboose full of holiday magic and our thanks.

John's Boot and Saddle Shop
327 South Central

Original holiday decorations add to merriment!

For a shimmering effect, swag long strips of tinsel at the top of your windows, over whatever curtains or drapes are already there. Add glistening Christmas tree balls and you'll have a picture window that is lovely inside and out.

For a festive indoor window-sill box, fill a long planter with evergreens and tuck bright tinsel flowers thickly through the greens. You might also want to stand this Christmas garden on a long book shelf.

Hang a silver metal lettuce basket in some unexpected corner of your house, filled with large and small balls of colored yarn accented with gleaming Christmas tree balls. All silver would be spectacular!

A simple and sophisticated table centerpiece can be a conversation piece when entertaining. Fill a glass hurricane chimney with cranberries, kumquats or crab apples and top with a tuft of graceful seasonal greenery. Flanked by graceful candles it is a lovely sight. If you're lucky enough to have a mantelpiece, this colorful arrangement will look charming on it as well.



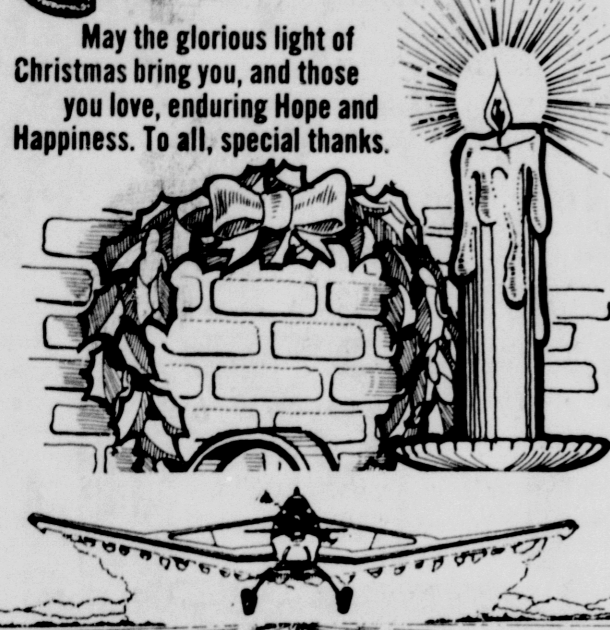
Warm Wishes

Here's hoping that all our friends, whose confidence we treasure, will share the many blessings of Christmas.

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CHRISTMAS JOY

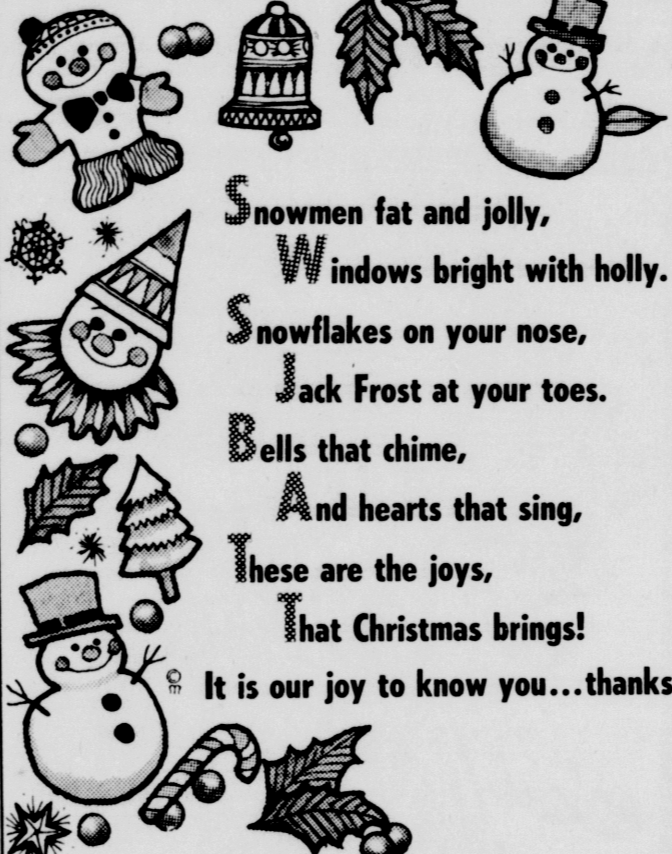
May the glorious light of Christmas bring you, and those you love, enduring Hope and Happiness. To all, special thanks.



AERO SPRAYERS
"Complete Aerial Crop Care"
Greg Ljavan, Owner

Leckerli
½ cup honey
1 cup sugar
½ cup chopped candied lemon and orange peel
1½ tsp. nutmeg
1½ tsp. cloves
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup unblanched almonds, sliced thin
Grated rind of ½ lemon
2½ cups sifted flour
Heat honey and ½ cup sugar to boiling. Remove from heat and add peel, spices and baking soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water. Add remaining ingredients and knead until well blended. Roll dough to ½ inch thickness. Put on greased waxed paper, on cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven, 325°, for about 25 minutes. Turn out on wire rack and remove paper immediately. Turn, right side up. Cook remaining ½ cup sugar and ¼ cup water until mixture spins a thread. Spread on leckerli and cut in diamond shapes. Store in airtight container for at least a week before giving or using.

Nut Loaf Sensation
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
2 packages pitted dates — about 1 lb.
1 cup well-drained maraschino cherries
3 cups shelled Brazil nuts — 2 lb. unshelled, or 1 lb. shelled



Snowmen fat and jolly,
Windows bright with holly.
Snowflakes on your nose,
Jack Frost at your toes.
Bells that chime,
And hearts that sing,
These are the joys,
That Christmas brings!
It is our joy to know you...thanks.

BYRD POWER TONG SERVICE

New touches bring color to Christmas table

Every day can be a holiday through the Christmas season. A little imagination goes a long way in keeping your family full of that festive spirit...

Sprinkle a touch of candied fruit into hot oatmeal for a breakfast treat.

Give your favorite fruit salad that holiday look with a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds.

Cut bells from slices of canned cranberry sauce when serving.

Candy canes make flavorful stirrers in cups of hot cocoa or tea.

Year-round favorite casseroles have a holiday look topped with a cheese star.

Place a waxed paper stencil of a Christmas tree over a bowl of potatoes or rice... sprinkle with chopped parsley... remove stencil.

Pimento poinsettias make colorful garnishes on any one of many dishes or bordering a filled platter.

Addressing a long list of Christmas cards can really be fun! Gather the family around the table and keep them happily at work with cookies and hot fruit punch!

Ever try pancakes poured onto the griddle in Christmas tree shapes? It takes a steady hand and concentration, but think how they'll delight your family.

Hot tips for entertaining

For a holiday buffet, you'll want a way to keep your hot dishes just that way. Electric hot trays are the number one choice because they are usually made to keep foods warm, without drying them up. Small electric cooking appliances are great too. You can cook a dish in one and when ready to set out on the table, you can turn the setting down to "warm." It will hold at serving temperature nicely that way.

There are many attractive tabletop warmers that use canned fuels... alcohol burners, butane gas burner, or candles. Be sure to read the instructions carefully, as a safety precaution.



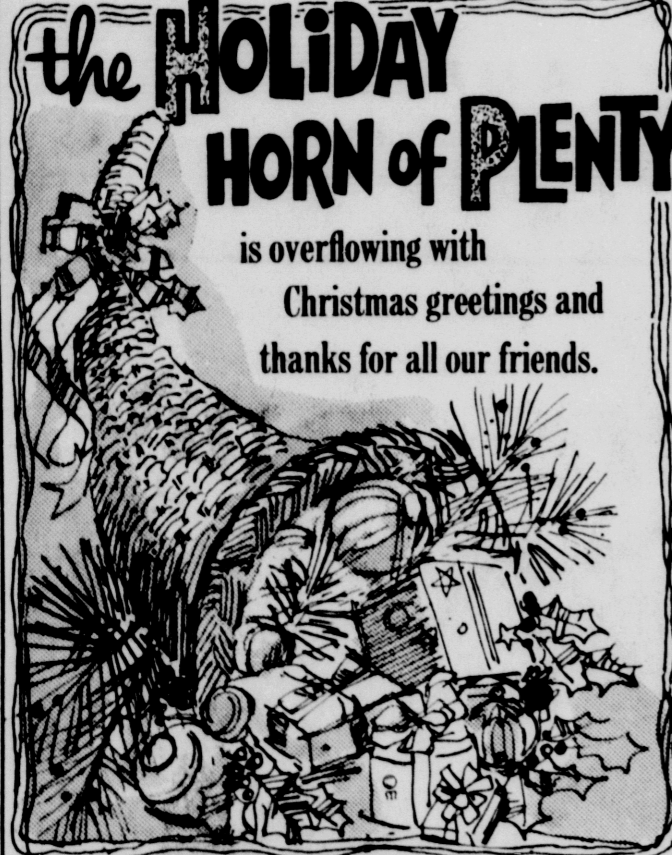
Christmas Greetings

Happy holidays, friends and neighbors. Thanks for letting us serve you.

TEXACO, INC.
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is overflowing with Christmas greetings and thanks for all our friends.



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It's a party! THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Everyone gets into the act at this favorite Christmas party. Invite dear friends and relatives for a heart-warming evening for all. The hostess heaps baskets with ribbons, popcorn, colored papers and cellophane, foil, seals, bells, colored yarns, scissors, glue, whatever. Each one makes ornaments from whatever suits his or her fancy, and then uses them to trim the tree. Prizes can be awarded for the funniest, prettiest, or cleverest ornament. After light refreshments, guests take home one or two of their creations for their own tree.



Peace on earth



To all the world goodwill... very best wishes and thanks.

Hamlin Board of Community Development

MERRY Christmas



May the loving Spirit of Christmas embrace all our dear friends. Thanks.

Mar-Jo's Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio

Christmas Fare

Wishing you thick slices of merriment and a soufflé of happy memories, served with our thanks and appreciation.



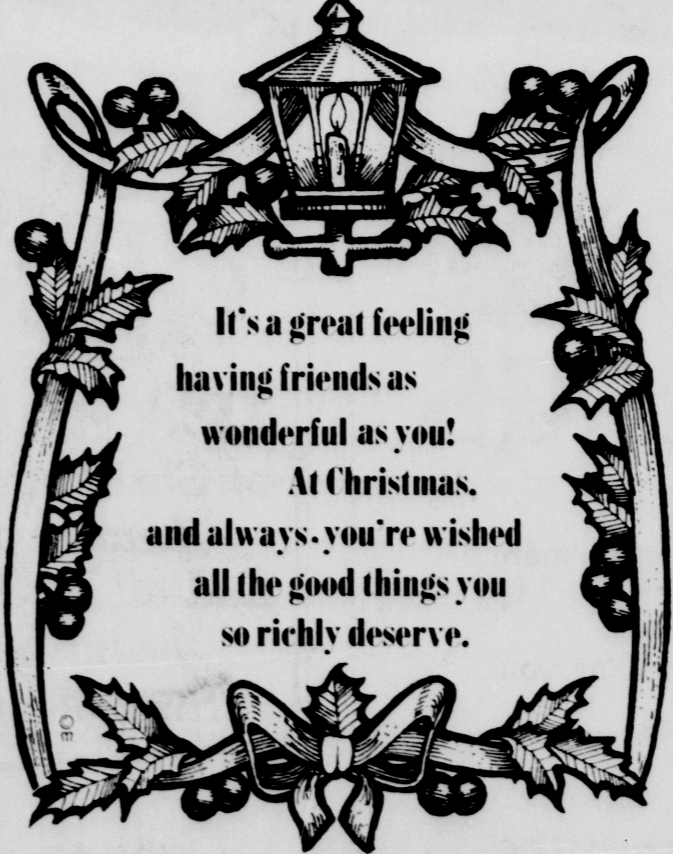
JORDAN'S
MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN



Happy Holidays

Hoping the beautiful memories of a family Christmas will be shared by you and those you love.

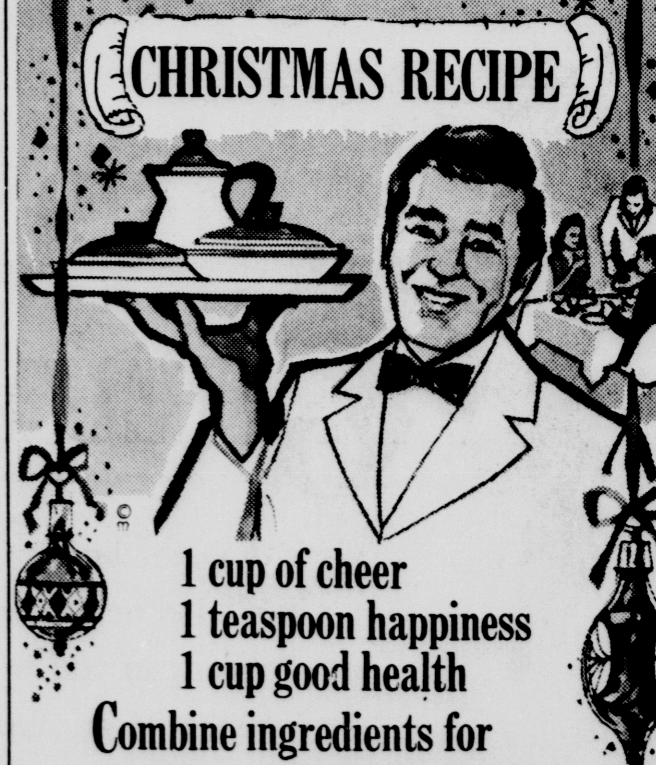
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rodgers
Rick and Gerald



It's a great feeling having friends as wonderful as you! At Christmas, and always, you're wished all the good things you so richly deserve.

McCOY FUNERAL HOME
RALPH AND JERRY FERGUSON

CHRISTMAS RECIPE



1 cup of cheer
1 teaspoon happiness
1 cup good health
Combine ingredients for a joyous holiday!

DAIRY QUEEN



Joyous wishes for a happy Holiday.

The silver sounds of sleigh bells echo through the Christmas air with a message of hope and joy for all. They ring out too, our thanks for your loyal friendship.



A. E. KILLION TANK TRUCK, INC.

Santa Claus Letters . . .

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a lemon doll hush little-baby, Barbie, and a train. Love,
Melonice Malone

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie, Thumbalina doll, Mickey mise watch. Love
Teresa Fudge

Dea Santa,
Please bring me a train, doll barbie, bike, drum. Love,
Todd Beach

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, kite and money. Love,
Mandy Lozano

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a train, football, and a ball. Love,
George Werner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a train. I have been good. Love,
Jessie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, drum. Love,
Randy Rench

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, bike, baby-that-a-way. Love,
Jennifer Slaughter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Trampoline. Love,
Debra Ford

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a drum, train, truck. Love,
Frankie Chavez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a football. I love you. Freddie Perez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a drum set and a racing set and a majick set. Love,
Kyle Lewis

Dear Santa,
Kite, Kitten, money, Santa Claus Love,
Devalla Smith

Dear Santa
Please bring me a drum, Trampoline, Evol Cln Evol stup set. Love,
Leslie Douglas.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Barbie Doll lemon twist, baby-that-away Love
Linda Kirkland

Dear Santa,
Please Barbie doll, and a bike. Love,
Sharon Hunter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a train, bike, Love, Allen Holden I have been good.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie town house Love, Kelli Cooper I have been good.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a race car set, and I a Doller men and get my mom some new bed.
Clifton Dwayne Titus

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy, and I want a Jamy Summers and Char Cloas and a Little girl and a Little train. cwick (or). and Charles Angels to. Your friend Heather Delaine Brumley

Dear Santa,
I am Tommy Hunter. I am 5 years old. I want a crash-up Dirby, and a green wheel and a motorcycle. I have been very good this year. Love,
Tommy

Dear Santa,
My name is Gina West. I am 4 years old. I would like a Baby That-A-Way, and a red ball with stripes on it; A big toy box. I have been a very good girl. Love,
Gina

Tender loving care for thriving poinsettias

Do you know the origin of the lovely plant we have come to identify with Christmas? These colorful plants were first introduced to America in 1825, by Joel Poinsett, then serving as our Ambassador to Mexico, who brought some 16 plants back to his South Carolina greenhouse. He gave them to friends and botanists with greenhouses who nurtured them carefully.

Poinsettias moved out of doors in the early 1900's when a Swiss horticulturist, Albert Ecke, started to raise them in California for local holiday selling. Now we have come to enjoy poinsettias, not only at the Christmas holiday, but all the year round as well. The most popular is the vivid red, but there are white, pink and marbled flowers as handsome and radiant.

Poinsettias need specific care if they are to flourish, but that care is not really complicated. They are happiest kept at room temperature, near a window, in full daylight, but out of drafts. Water when the top soil feels dry to your touch, keeping the soil moist but not wet.

If you decide to move your poinsettia outdoors for the summer, it will need cutting back to help it retain its shape. To encourage a shorter, fuller plant cut it back between the middle of July and the beginning of August, and repot in a pot one or two sizes larger than the original, and bring indoors again about Labor Day.

Poinsettias are photo-period sensitive plants that flower in response to the length of the day. Ten hours of daylight and fourteen hours of darkness will start flowers on their way, but the least glimmer of light during the dark hours will abort any flowering.

From about October 1 to mid-December, the plant should be in complete darkness from sunset to sunup. It can be put into a closet, in a room that remains dark through those hours, or under a table that is skirted to the floor. If you have a large enough carton available up-end it over the poinsettia to keep light out. Unless the plant is kept in the dark it will not flower.


The colorful bracts that develop from this period will be ample reward for your tender loving care, and will add much excitement to your holiday decor.



a very merry Christmas

May happiness always dwell with you. From our house to your house . . . thanks.


Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison
Marilyn and Lynda
Mike and Carolyn Robbins



HOLIDAY CHIMES

May the bells of Christmas ring in a season of joy and contentment for you. Their vibrant sounds carry thanks and ever-lasting gratitude to all our loyal friends.


HOWARD DRUG CO.



We wish you a Merry Christmas

Songs of praise echo through the yuletide. As we share the old fashioned delights of this warm holiday, we carol our thanks to one and all.

JOE HUDSPETH'S



CHRISTMAS IS

... the warmth of those you love close by
... the joy of holiday music in the air
... the breathlessness of a starry night
... the expectancy of Santa's bounty

We wish you all these things and thank you for being our friend.

HAMLIN BRANCH
SWEETWATER SAVINGS ASSOCIATION



Merry Christmas

Christmas is the perfect time for remembering the friendships we cherish. We count you among our dear friends and wish you every happiness now and always.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. TURNER
MRS. J. M. WILLIAMS

CHRISTMAS WISHES

FRANK'S TV
Frank and Margaret
Bill and Chic

Santa Claus Letters...

Dear Santa,
I want a Hush Little Baby and your reindeers autograph. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Your freind
Shelle

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Hush Little Baby. I like Santa Caus.
Love
Patricia Fudge

Dear Santa
I want a Kick and Go. Dear Santa I wrote a letter for you. I like Santa Claus so mush.
Love
Mauricio Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, a new Baby Alive and some ear rings. And fill my stocking with candy and presunts. I will leave you some coke.
Love,Paula Prewit

Dear Santa's
I want a bike and a doll. I wish I couls set in your lap. I love you Santa's.
Love,
Sherry Scott

Dear Santa,
I want Evelk neivef and a bicycle, a SSP and thats all.
Jaylon Woolf

Dear Santa,
I want a bowling game and a magic game and that deal you smash down on it and it turns that's all.
Curtis Cardway

Dear Santa,
I want a shazam a bicycle, a space 1999 a TTP. Thats all.
Jerry

Dear Santa,
A dump truck, watch and a rawpower.
Danny Watson

Dear Santa,
I want a Dusty Doll and a horse with a moving head, and a big, soft Teddy Bear like Debbie's.
I'm almost four years old and I've been good.
Tiff

Dear Santa,
My name is Rena and I'm 4 yrs. old. Christmas is nearly here, and I have been a pretty good girl. I would like a Thumbelina, yellow Big Bear, Raggedy Ann & Andy Record player and records. I will be proud of anything I get.

My sister and I will leave something out for you to eat and drink.

My sister's name is Laurie and she is 9 years old. She would like a 5 speed bicycle, Cher doll, 1 pr. jeans and some clothes, and a game - payday. She is pretty good sometimes.

Thank you Santa; and have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Rena & Laurie Stubblefield

Dear Santa,
I love you. I'm glad you took my picture with you. I like my toys and I love Christmas.

Please bring me some army stuff. I love Jesus and his birthday and I love you too.
Love
Greg Weaver
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Hush-a-little baby doll and a basket, and that's all. My little brother's too little, he won't keep up with me. But if you want to you can bring him something too.
I love you,
Keri Carter

Dear Santa,
I am a nice girl and I hope you bring me a Hush Little Baby, a record player, and a baby buggy. I love you, Santa.
Loisteen Willis

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a dump truck and a little tractor. I love you, Santa.
Frank Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Hush Little Baby, some doll clothes, and a red wagon.
Casey Eoff

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a racing track, a bicycle, and a tractor? I am a good boy.
Cruz Barrera

Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a Baby that cries, a baby crib, and a new purse.
Jennifer Shaw

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Alive. Also I would like a bicycle. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Melissa Columbus

Dear Santa,
I would like a Six Million Dollar Man, a gun set, and an E. K. Stunt Cycle. I love you.
Dodey Hughes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hush Little Baby and a record player and a Baby That-a-Way.
Dulanna Scifres

Dear Santa,
My name is John Morris Norman. I am 4 years old. I wish you would bring me a motorcycle and a green bike and that is all. I have been good all year.
Love,
John M.

Dear Santa,
I want a ice cream truck a little one got clay doh in it and I want a baby alive a baby one cries, one takes a bath.
Sharon Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
I want u Snoopy wache and u nit a timre. Thats all.
Kimi Hodges

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Six Milion Dollar Man. I want a set of amye men.
Your friend,
Pete Ledemsa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bar doll, hush little baby, Love.
Rosa Martinez

Dea Santa,
Please bring me a track, and train.
Love,
Steve Warner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Hush Little Baby and a train; also a drum.
Love,
Carolyn Woolf

GREETINGS

May Christmas bring you happy hours and shining memories. Thinking of you, dear friends, and saying "thanks."

ART STUDIO & GALLERY
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blanton

Merry Christmas

Your friendship and loyalty are deeply appreciated.

THE DOLL HOUSE
Linda Frazier
Ramona Bollier
Piper Willis
Juanita Hilliard
Linda Ferguson

Merry Christmas

May Peace, Love and Hope fill your home always.
Thanks.

JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIRS

Best Wishes at Christmas

Have yourself a precious little Christmas! We extend oversized thanks for your friendship and confidence.

SAULS GULF STATION
BILL AND RECIE SAULS

a happy Holiday

Filled with sincere appreciation for our cordial relationship.

STYLE CLEANERS

As people everywhere reverently celebrate the Birth of Christ, we pause and give thanks for His wondrous teachings.

Christmas Blessings

ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.

Christmas Wishes

Let there be love at Christmas when all the world is warm and bright with dreams. In the hushed landscape of this glorious season, we send tidings of comfort and joy and continuing thanks to all!

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Quanah Federal Savings and Loan
313 South Main St.
Quanah, Texas 79252

Branch Office:
No. 3 Avenue D
P. O. Box 444
Haskell, Texas 79521
Phone 864-3179

Home Office:
122 W. McHarg
P. O. Box 511
Stamford, Texas 79553

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSN. OF STAMFORD

Santa Claus Letters...

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle,
a b.b. gun, and a sled. I have
been a good boy.
Bruce Neatherlin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an E.K. Chopper,
an E.K. Rocket, and six
trucks.
Joel Van Dam

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a piano
and a Baby-That-A Way and a
bicycle.
Sally Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want a six Million Dollar
man and a bike.
Macario

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar, a
basketball, a Wonder
Woman, and Barbie. I wish
you a Merry Christmas.
P.S. From Tammy

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll, clothes and a
ball.
Rebeca Villarrael

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll, a Bike, same
candy, apples and oranges, a
play house, and cloths.
From Vanessa Kay Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a ballerina and a
Mickey Mouse bubble gum
machine and a Baby That
away and a Rub a dub Doll.
Rickie Holden

Dear Santa,
I want a Gren mishen and a
elctric trane, and a 6 million
dollar man a hit a tiemr.
David Farnsworth

Dear Santa,
A Daby Alive, a watch, and
a baby that cries. I like
Christmas.
Love,
Lavallalitas

Dear Santa,
Baby bathtub and a Baby
That away a Mickey Mouse
that walks.
Amie Marentes

Dear Santa,
Baby that away and a
crying doll and walking doll
and dishes.
Fina Barrera

Dear Santa,
I want a Bike and a nit
timr.
Sandy Jiminez

Dear Santa.
I want a Bionic woman and
a Bardi doll and a wonder
woman. Love Laverne and
Love Santa Claus too
from Ruthie Laverne
Cooper to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I
hope you been fine, I been
fine.
Toya Sloan

Dear Santa
I want a Baby That Away,
and a Easy Bake Oven, also I
would like some clothes.
Love,
Annette

Dear Santa Claus
I want the six Dollar man, a
train track, a walkie-talkie, a
foot doll, and a fire truck.
Johnny Mendoza

Dear Santa
I have Been a good girl. I
want a six million dollar man,
a kick and go, a foot ball a car
and a fire truk.
Lynn Hilliard

Dear Santa;
I want a doll, a woder
woman, a Bionic woman,
and a Bike.
Bronda Cork
Love Santa;

Dear Santa,
I want a six million Dollar
Man, ten dollars, CB, and
football.
Michael Mederos

Dear Santa Claus
I want a cry baby a Bionic
Woman a felt a little Santa
Claus.
Leticia Franco

Dear Santa
I would like a Eagle 1 space
ship, a Eagle eye GI Joe, a
Tonto and Scout set, a
American Flyer train set,
and a six million dollar man.
Love Bill Absher

Dear Santa.
I want a stuffed Santa and
elfe, a toy CB and ten \$ and I
want a giant stuffed elephant
and a big red hart.
Daniel Jones.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. I want Gi goe.
and a Six Million Dollar man.
and a MaskatRon. and thats
all.
Your friend Edward Romro

Dear Santa,
My Name is Cindy Guerra.
I no I write You a note. and I
want a golden ring and
necklace and a longdress and
with golden Your frend,
Cindy

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Is it cold in
the north pole? And I want a
tambourine and don't cry
baby and I want a coat.
Your friend,
Kim Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that you can
curl her hair and a rub a bub
dolly and a new bicycle.
Your friend,
Renee Riggs

Dear Santa Claus,
We wish you a merry
Christmas and the elvs and
your wife a merry. Christ-
mas. I want a skateboard and
a Happy Birthday Tender
Love.
Love
Mitti Hughes

From Russell Lincoln to
Santa.
Dear Santa Claus, I want a
BB gun, and a Green
Machine, and a Mighty Tonka
Car Carrier. Please
Santa Tell your elves I sead
thank you for bilding toys for
all the girls and boys.
Love,
Russell Lincoln

Dear Santas
I would like a set of hot
wheels. My sister would like a
Hush little baby.
Love
Jesse

Dear Santa
I want a bike for Christ-
mas. I want a six million
dollar man.
Love,
Willie Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a kick and Go.
Befor I go. and I would like
your rein deer autograph.
Love
Rhonda West

Dear Santa
I want a hash little baby
and a Bionic Woman and a
new rain coat and a drum set
and a ventroloquist dummy.
Amplifier and gutor. and a
cowboy hat.
Your friend Kim D.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a football. and a
General Custer. and a Case of
books. and a bb gun. and a jj
arm.
Your friend Dan Byerly

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a train and a train
track. And a BB gun.
Your friend David

Patricia Martinez.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish a
Babby. and a Dog. and a cat.
and a piano. Your friend.

Dear Santa Claus
I want cox Electro charger
and Swat.
Your frend
Karl Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I wont a bike and a tran sat
aned I wont a gun saut.
Your friend
Jackie Dee

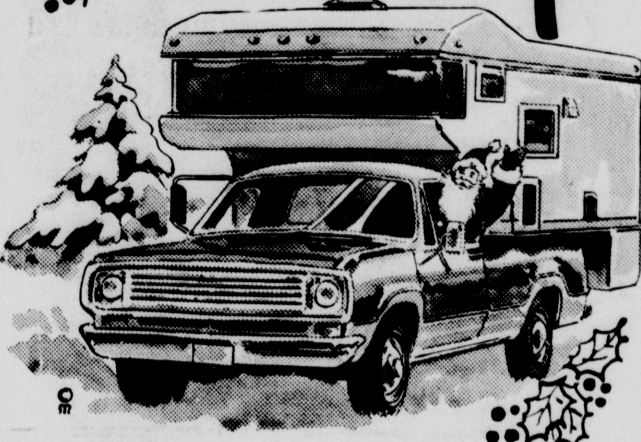
Dear Santa Claus
I wish a Babby That a way
in a Tape Recorder in a soda
pop Machine in a camera.
Your friend

Jackie Hunter

Dear Santa Claus
I want some tires for my
bike and tubes.
Your friend
Yvonne

Dear Santa Claus
I want a train. Your friend.
Bobby

Greetings



**Warmest wishes for
Christmas. May your travels
through the year make all
your dreams come true.**

Sincere appreciation to all.

FARNSWORTH GARAGE

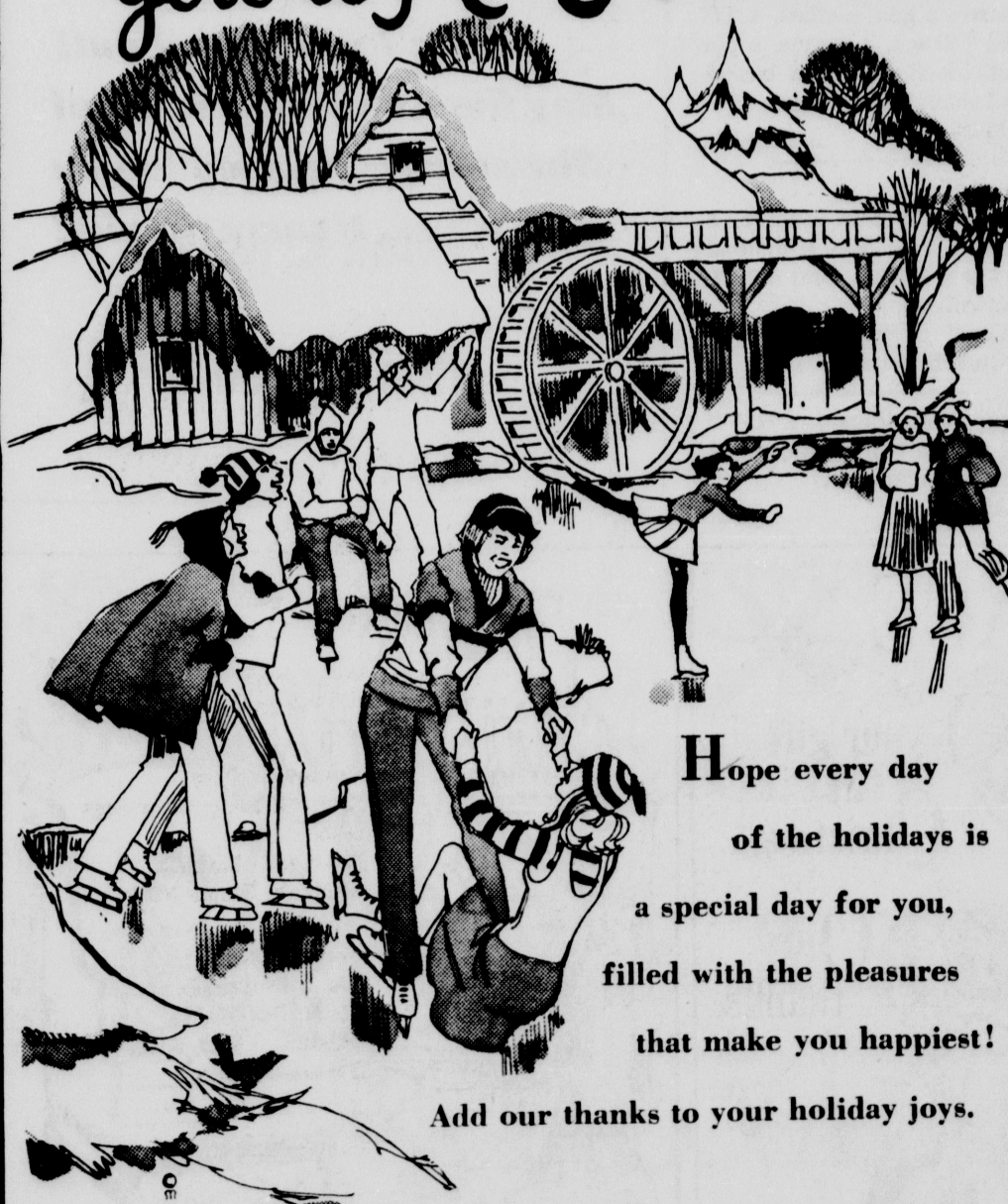
Lea and Jerry Farnsworth



May your holidays be merry and
marvelous... festive wishes from Santa and us.

ARROW SERVICE AND SUPPLY

We wish you a Merry Christmas



ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

LUMBERMEN

Jimmie Spalding, Manager



PIED PIPER MILLS, INC.

Merry Christmas

**When we count our blessings at Christmas time
we think of friends like you and wish you a
beautiful holiday in a beautiful world!**

PIED PIPER GROCERY

Ester and Dorothy Hastings
and Family

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY ONLY

Fa-la-la-la

**Don we now our gay apparel
To sing this jolly
Christmas carol...**

**A holiday bright
and delightful for you,
Accompany our thanks
and good wishes too!**

HEIDENHEIMER'S

GREETINGS



Our mellow cello plays a melody of harmonious holiday music and thanks. Hope your Christmas is completely in tune.

HAMLIN AUTO PARTS



Holiday GREETINGS

May our pleasant relationship continue to flower and grow throughout a happy and healthy Christmas Holiday!

Embroy's TV and Appliance Service
Embroy's Snack Bar
207 Southwest Third Street

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We calculate you'll have your most glorious Christmas ever. Add our sincere thanks for your loyal confidence.

WHITES STORE
THE BELLS
Byron and Neoma
Rodger, Jill, Maggie and David



IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

May yours be merry and gay. Our hearty holiday thanks for your kind patronage.

THE KNABELS

Santa Claus Letters . . .

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I hope you been fine, I have been fine. I want a three story barbie house and barbie clothes. I also want bionic woman and her clothes. Also a six million dollar man. Also a bike.
Cindy Carter

Dear Santa,
My name is Ginger Houghton. I am 3 years old. Would you please bring me a baby doll that walks and crawls and cries, also a high chair for my doll. I have been a good girl.
Ginger

Dear Santa
My name is Chris Hunter. I am 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a dump truck and a race car and some candy. I've been very good.
Chris

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessie LeChuga. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a police car and an airplane. I have been a very good boy all year.
Jessie

Dear Santa,
I am Cory McCombs. I am 4 years old. I want a motorcycle and a crash-up dirby and bicycle. I have been a very good boy this year.
Love,
Cory

Dear Santa,
My name is Philip Burleson. I am 5 years old. I want a dump truck, a train, and a tricycle also a gun. I have been nice all year long.
Love,
Philip

Dear Santa,
I would be very happy if you would bring me a Baby Alive, a piano, and some roller skates.
Dawn Frazier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and the thing I want most is an attack-Carrier.
Gary Young

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Huffy bicycle, a B. woman, and a Steve Austin. I love you.
Shannon Weir

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Alive, a coloring book, and some colors. Hurry from the North Pole.
Diana Lozano

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a bike a race track and a drum Bring other children some toys too.
Russell Green

Dear Santa,
I am a good little girl and I want a Baby That-a-Way, a Steve Austin, and a B. Woman.
Brenda Garcia

Dear Santa Claus
How is Rudolf to day? Is he still sick? Well why I wrote this letter is because I want a Happy Birthday Tender Love, a toy box, and a bike.
Love
Danna Cooper

Dear Santa,
My name is Trisha Erwin. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year and I am doing good in school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Tubbs.
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Weebles haunted house and a cash register and some other toys and some new clothes.
Trisha

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer. I am 6 years old. I live in Hamlin. I have been nice a little bit. I want a baby that laughs and one that cries, a Pizza Cooker, a coke dispenser. If you can't bring everything, I especially want the baby dolls. Have a nice Christmas. Thank you.
Love
Jennifer Slaughter

Dear Santa Claus
I won't a Super Champ punching bag. And I won't a View-Master accessories. And a knock over 10 Fred Flintstones at once. And a Lawman rifle and holster. And I won't the game of sorry. And the game of happy Days. And a Mr. Mouth and Jaws.
Think you I love you
Dee Jon Douglass
P.S. I will be at my Grandparents House, The Ross Douglasses in Sylvester

Dear Santa
My name is Scott. I am 8 years old. I have been good. I want some boots. And a Disney Typewriter. And roller skates and some other presents.
And a three speed bike. I will leave you something to eat.
Scott Erwin

Dear Santa I want a watch and one more thing an autograph of the rein deer.
Love,
Jarman

Dear Santa,
I want a watch and a Green Machine and cars and a big big truck and a belt guns and a water pisto and a new Christmas.
I love you Santa.
Marvin

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Baby That-a-way. and a bike and a piano and a watch.
Shirley

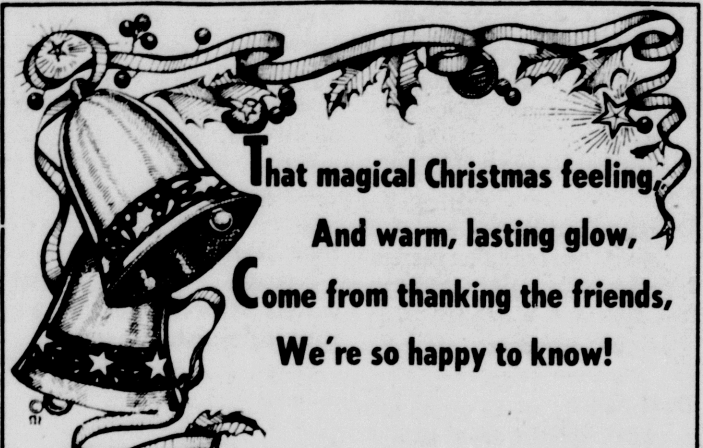
Dear Santa Claus,
I will not be at my grand-mother's house this Christmas Eve, but I will be at my new house in Hamlin. I hope you will bring me my Uncle Mike's little puppy named Muffin. I also want a baby doll, a baton like Jamie's (except for little girls), some new clothes for Rub-a-dub, and some Christmas pajamas
Please bring my little brother, Stephen, a swing that will fit on my swingset and some blockbusters because he is getting to be a big boy.
Love,
Kimberly Carpenter
3 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a crane.
I want a felt cowboy hat.
I want a bulldozer.
I want a TG and Y truck.
I want a dump truck.
I want some clothes.
Santa I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Wilbur White

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a power-passer, a gun, clothes, a TG and Y truck, a engine, a pin Ball machine, and a basket ball. Merry Christmas.
Matt Hymer

Dear Santa,
I want a Evel Knieve, a Fonzie, a GI Joe, a football suit a B B Gun, and a NFL football too.
Love
Russell Grissom

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ball. I want a six Millon Dollar man.
Augie



That magical Christmas feeling
And warm, lasting glow,
Come from thanking the friends,
We're so happy to know!

CLOUD'S CARPET STORE
MR. AND MRS. R. Y. CLOUD

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Wishing you your favorite kind of Christmas!
Thanks to all our fine friends for their patronage.

MEHAFFEY TRUCKING COMPANY



JOY

Wishing you everything that's bright and beautiful at Christmas.
May our sincere thanks ornament your holidays.

WATERHOLE NO. 3



Sincere Good Wishes

Hoping all the precious things in Life will come to you this Christmas!
Warm thanks.

KINCAID GAS & APPLIANCE
MR. AND MRS. G. W. KINCAID



Merry Christmas

Going to great lengths to express our deep appreciation for your friendship!

PIPER CAR WASH
Jack and C. L. White



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We're letting it all out!
May the wonderful Spirit of Christmas bring joy to you and yours. Hearty thanks!

KISER TEXACO



PRINCE of PEACE

May the Glory of Christmas be an inspiration to you now and for all time. Thanks.

GRACE AND BURT OLIVER



PEACE

be your gift at Christmas.
Our thanks.

CABLE ELECTRONICS, INC.
327 South Central
Ruby Moore, Office Manager
Bill Neeley, Technician



Merry Christmas

God bless us, every one . . . and especially you. Our thanks to one and all.

CARLTON IMPLEMENT CO.

Santa Claus Letters . . .

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle,
gun, and a racing set. I am
good boy.
Jarvis Lynn Chase

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck
with a trailer, a Steve Austin,
and a tractor. I love you,
Felix Ledesma

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring
me a E.K. Stunt Jet Cycle a
Spider Man, Racer, and Web
Shooter.
James Jones

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me
Wonder Woman, a B.
Woman, and a Six Million
Dollar Man.
Love
Donazahy Cork

Dear Soint,
I want a crash up drive,
letric trae.
Chuck

Dear Santa,
Ball and a Evel Kneivel
stump cycle. I want the space
ship.
Donnie Stark

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a watch. I
want a truck. Thank yau.
Jessie Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I want a traen, a Crash up
derby aniye timer.
Steven Lynch

Dear Santa,
My name is Melynda
Slaughter, but everyone calls
me Mindy so you can to. I am
in 3rd grade. I have been
some good and some bad, but
I try hard to be good. I want a
Sunshine family, Arts & Craft
store, with the whole family. I
won't order any more so all
the other children will have
some. Thank you and dress
warm. It is really cold this
year.
Love,
Mindy Slaughter

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Robby Kiser
and I am 4 years old. I am a
good boy and I take good care
of my toys. Please bring me a
real Dallas Cowboy football
and suit. I like John Deere
toys and helicopters. My
sister Tricia is 9 years old and
she wants the sunshine
family toys, and a stuffed
animal.
Merry Christmas,
Robby Kiser

Dear Santa,
My name is Tammy
Hamilton and I am 5 years
old. I have been a pretty good
girl and I love you very
much.
Will you please bring me a
"Love notes Doll," a Big
Bicycle and a toy sewing
machine. I will leave you a
snack on the table.
Thank you and I hope you
have a merry Christmas.
Tammy Hamilton

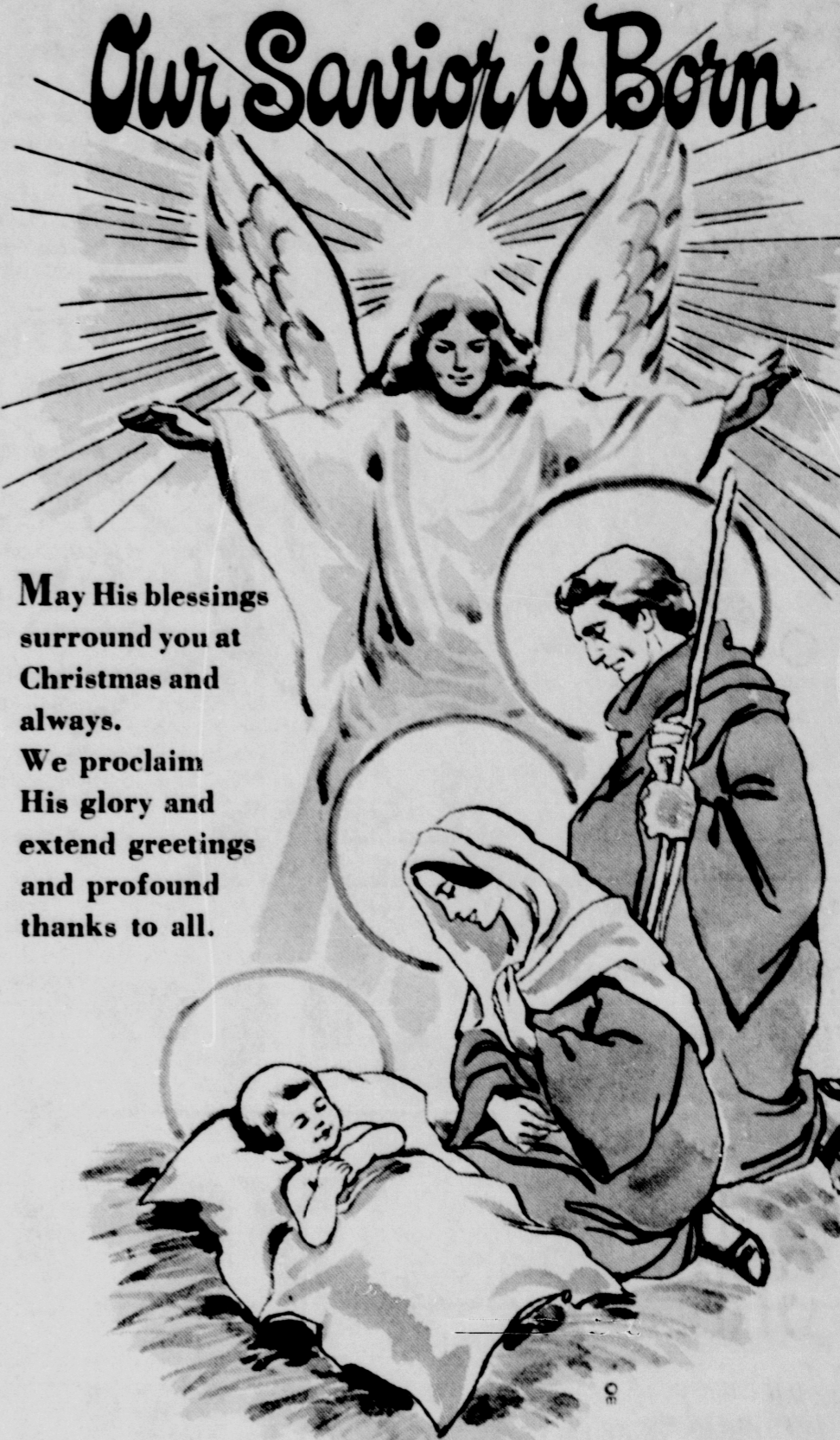
Dear Santa,
I would like to have some
Lincoln Logs for Christmas.
My little brother would like to
have a Weebler Tree House.
We have been good boys this
year.
Love,
Gary & Michael Young

Dear Santa,
Hush Little Baby a little
baby boll and Mickey Mouse.
Ann Ingram

Dear Santa,
A gun and a bike and a
truck. I want a book about
anything. That's all thak you,
Noe Arce

Dear Santa Claus
I woet a watch aed Joseph I
well-le yeu Cookies milk.
Jerry Houghton

Our Savior is Born



May His blessings surround you at Christmas and always. We proclaim His glory and extend greetings and profound thanks to all.

TURNER INSURANCE AGENCY

J. C. TURNER LAVERNE HUNTER
JOYE CARY

Merry Christmas



WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

An Equal Opportunity Employer



WTU

A Member of The Central and South West System

Merry Christmas to All

May the merry music and sweet harmony of Christmas fill your hearts with joy and love. We chime in with a medley of thanks and appreciation for all our friends and neighbors who have helped make 1976 a good year for both us and the community.

We welcome the opportunity to serve all of your banking needs during the coming year.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

HAMLIN, TEXAS

We hope to be able to serve you even better during the coming year and pledge the same friendly, personal service in the years ahead.



Tis the Feastin' Season!

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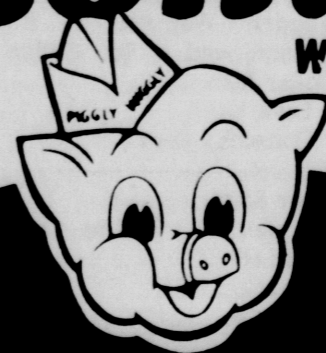
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DECEMBER 22-23-24

WE WILL CLOSE

DEC. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY



PIGGY WIGGLY

Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

for Holiday Foods

BAMA PEACH 18 OZ.

Preserves

69¢



SHURFINE POUND CAN

Coffee \$1.89

WOLF BRAND 19 OZ. CAN

Chili 79¢

HI-DRI OR SHURFINE BIG ROLL

Towels 49¢

DETERGENT 64 OZ. GIANT SIZE

TIDE \$1.19

Crisco

CREAMY 3 POUND CAN

\$1.49

SHURFINE

Sugar

5 POUND BAG

89¢

GOLD MEDAL

FLOUR

5 POUND BAG

69¢

SHURFINE CUT GREEN 16 OZ.

BEANS

5 \$1

SHURFINE FRUIT 16 OZ.

Cocktail 39¢

SHURFINE WHIPPED FROZEN 9 OZ.

Topping 49¢

BAMA RED PLUM 18 OZ.

JAM

59¢

SHURFINE ENGLISH 17 OZ.

PEAS

3 89¢

SHURFRESH

Biscuits

8 \$1.00

CANS

SHURFINE FROZEN

Orange Juice

12 OZ. CAN

39¢

SHURFINE 16 OZ.

PEARS

HALVES

3 \$1.00

FOR

SHURFINE INSTANT

TEA

3 OZ. JAR

99¢

KRAFT MARSHMALLOW

CREME

7 OZ. JAR

49¢

BETTY CROCKER LAYER

Cake Mixes

18 - 19 OZ. BOX

49¢

SHURFRESH

Margarine

POUND QUARTERS

3 FOR \$1

SHURFRESH AA

Butter

POUND QUARTERS

99¢

LIQUID 22 OZ.

JOY

69¢



Holiday PRODUCE Festival

SWIFT'S GOLD CREST
SELF BASTING YOUNG HEN

TURKEYS

11 lbs. and up
(UNGRADED)

49¢

TV Special

SUNDAY HOUSE
SMOKED 8-10 lb. AVG. TURKEYS ... \$1.19

MEAT BUDGET STRETCHERS for the Holidays

U.S.D.A. GRADE "A"
BAKING HENS
5-7 lb. AVG.
... \$6.99

AFFILIATED
BACON
POUND PKG.
... \$9.99

SHURFRESH FRENCH ONION
DIP 3 \$1

WORMEL LITTLE
SIZZLERS ... \$7.99

WORMEL HALF OF WHOLE
CURE #1 HAMS ... \$2.49

A.F. BRAND
CANNED HAM ... 3 lb. CAN \$4.89

HICKORY SMOKED Fully Cooked

HAMS 79¢

SHANK PORTION
(WATER ADDED)
5-7 lb. AVG. ... \$1.69

Baked Ham

JUICY AND TENDER - A HOLIDAY FAVORITE

A.F. FULLY COOKED BONELESS
HALF WHOLE ... \$2.19

MINI HAMS ... \$2.19

HICKORY SMOKED Fully Cooked
BUTT PORTION 5-7 lb. AVG. ... \$4.99

HICKORY SMOKED Fully Cooked
CENTER PORTION HAM (WATER ADDED) ... \$1.69

HICKORY SMOKED Fully Cooked
HALF WHOLE HAM (WATER ADDED) ... \$1.19

YELLOW ONIONS 15¢ POUND

Celery

CALIFORNIA
CRISP
LARGE STALK

29¢

Lettuce

ICEBERG
CRISP
LARGE HEAD

29¢

FRESH

Cranberries

39¢ POUND BAG

CREAM SHURFINE
CHEESE

8 OZ.

49¢

SPARE

FRESH FROSTED RIBS

3-5 LB. AVG.
POUND

69¢